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# Hague sacks Cranborne in row over Lords

BY ANDREW GRICE AND COLIN BROWN

LORD CRANBORNE, the Tory leader in the House of Lords, was sacked by William Hague last night after the Conservative leader torpedoed a surprise plan by Tony Blair to grant a re-

prieve to 91 hereditary peers. Mr Blair's move to reach an all-party consensus on reform of the Lords split the Tories and threw them into disarray last night. Lord Cranborne was ready to compromise but failed to win Mr Hague's backing.

The proposed agreement had been discussed behind the scenes for several months and included meetings between Lord Cranborne and Mr Blair within the past two weeks. But Mr Hague's allies accused Lord Cranborne of "freelancing"

without his authority. The secret talks emerged in extraordinary scenes during Prime Minister's question time yesterday, when Mr Blair and Mr Hague clashed over the breakdown of the negotiations. Under a U-turn backed by as "an absolute tragedy". Mr Blair 91 hereditaries would 650 lose their right to speak and reform of the second chamber. The 91 would remain until the Government implemented "stage two" of its reforms, turning it into a partly elected

chamber within several years. Lord Cranborne, a hereditary eer and the great-great grandon of Lord Salisbury, the Tory prime minister, won the backing of Tory peers for his consensual strategy by a margin of about row with Mr Hague.



ruled the peer's move to adopt

current parliamentary session

to the Bill bringing in propor-

tional representation for Eu-

Mr Hague now faces a re-

bellion by Tory peers. Lord

Cranborne is a popular figure

bench spokesmen in the Lords

may resign in protest to form

a breakaway group which

plan when it is put to a vote.

would support the compromise

said he had shown strong lead-

ership by sacking Lord Cran-

borne, some MPs were

privately worried the Tory

leader would be blamed for

scuppering an attempt to reach

find a way of dying with digni-

"The hereditaries want to

consensus on Lords reform.

Although Mr Hague's allies

and rumours swept Westmin-

ropean Parliament elections.

4-1. This was was a severe rebuff for Mr Hague, who insisted the Tories could not support the plan until Mr Blair spelt out the detail of "stage two".

The Earl of Onslow said after the meeting: "As far as I'm concerned Lord Cranborne is totally secure and he got the full support of the meeting." He later described his departure

But a furious Mr Hague felt to sack the Opposition leader in vote in the Lords, preventing a the Lords. This was announced year of "guerrilla warfare" over after Mr Hague won the backing of the Shadow Cabinet and held a private meeting with Lord Cranborne and Michael Ancram, the Tory chairman.

"Lord Cranborne tried to bounce the party into accepting a deal which it would not accept."

Mr Hague's spokesman said. Lord Cranborne said he had been "sacked for running in like an ill-trained spaniel" over the

ty, but Mr Hague is the only person who wants them to die in the ditch." said a Liberal Democrat source.

Downing Street said the consensus would have freed up more parliamentary time and allowed the Government to introduce other measures in the current session, including the postponed plans to set up a Food Standards Agency and a Strategic Rail Authority.

In return, the Government would have speeded up its 'stage two" reform plan.

Talks on the agreement involved Lord Cranborne; Mr Blair: Lord Irvine. the Lord Chancellor and Baroness Jay. the leader of the Lords. The Tension between the two crosabench peers played a pivotal role and announced their had been rising in recent weeks. Mr Hague also overcompromise plan vesterday. unaware that Mr Hague had torpedoed it minutes earlier. a more conciliatory line in the

Lord Weatherill, the former Commons speaker who acts as convenor of the crossbenchers. said he would be disappointed if the deal they had brokered was rejected.

He warned that the alternative to a mutually agreed solubayonets, fighting in the last ditch, which would be ridiculous, bringing the House of Lords into disrenute"

The crossbenchers will try to keep the proposal alive by tabling their plan as an amendment to the Bill on hereditaries, which will be introduced in the new year. Labour ministers said last night the deal was "still possible" and hoped it would go through.

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## Flawed logic led to Z brilliant pupil's death veto on tax reforms

BY LOUISE JURY

A BRILLIANT schoolboy shot himself in the head after carefully calculating the benefits of life and deciding it was not worth living an inquest heard yesterday. Dario Iacoponi, 15, a pupil at

the London Oratory School which Tony Blair's two sons Euan, 14, and Nicky, 12, attend, kept a diary of his philosophical thoughts on life in the two months leading up to his death. After weighing up the pros

and cons, he decided to commit suicide and planned it meticulously. He taught himself to use his father's shotgun and worked out how to fire it with a wooden spoon. He then waited until neither of his parents was at home before carrying out the plan last month.

Dr John Burton, the West London coroner, said it was clearly a considered process and Dario "came down on the side of suicide".

The inquest heard that the teenager was a brilliant pupil who had already passed six GCSEs at A\* or A grades a year early. He played the violin and



piano and was hoping to study law at Yale or Harvard. But a darker side to his character emerged in his diaries which were discovered by police. They spoke of his difficulties in coping with life, although there was little, or no mention, of any specific problem such as bullying.

Dario, an only child, was found by a 20-year-old lodger at the family's home in Ealing, west London. He had a shotgun by his side.

His father, Pietro, a translator, was in Switzerland on business, and his mother, Saleni, a

dramatics class. Inspector Colin Nursey, who found five diaries covering the last year of Dario's life, said there was a reference in them contemplating suicide. "He would not leave a note, he was very

specific about that," he said. Neither parent was in court, but Nadia Taylor, a family friend for the past 15 years, told the inquest that Dario was "always a very sociable and very friendly person". She said: "We are all very shocked. It all came as a surprise to us that he felt this

But Dr Burton said he could see no other conclusion than that Dario had taken his own life. "He has made it clear that he did so. That is the only verdict that I can return.

"He was quite stoical about it. He did not fear death. He decided on balance that life is not good and points out that the mathematics he has used are indisputable and that is his last entry. It was a considered process.

Dario's headmaster, John McIntosh, has said he was baffled and the school was shocked. THE EUROSCEPTIC alarm over BY STEPHEN CASTLE the threat of tax harmonisation hitting Britain was fuelled yes-AND COLIN BROWN

terday by Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, when he refused to rule out an end to the national veto on EU tax proposals. Tony Blair will today reemphasise Britain's readiness

to use the veto if necessary to prevent any moves which would damage national interests when he meets President Jacques Chirac for an Anglo-French summit in St Malo in Brittany. Mr Blair told MPs yesterday

that Britain was prepared to

stand alone in Europe if nec-

essary in opposition to plans for greater tax harmonisation. The Prime Minister's official spokesman attacked the "hysteria in the British media about the apparent push towards tax harmonisation by Oskar Lafontaine, the German Finance Minister, and his French coun-

meeting on Tuesday. That view was shared by Mr Santer, who said: "When I read the British press, I sometimes think I find myself in a dif-

terpart, Dominique Strauss-

Kahn, at a Franco-German

Santer: We may end

ferent world, not the world that I want.

But Mr Santer added to the controversy by arguing for further co-ordination of VAT rates. and refusing to rule out the possibility that countries may eventually lose the veto on tax decisions,

The two-day summit meeting between Britain and France was intended to be dominated by an Anglo-French statement of co-operation on defence, leading to the replacement of the Western European Union



defence arm by an EU defence

But the meeting is almost certain to be overshadowed by the thorny issue of taxation. Mr Blair will be accompanied by other senior ministers, including John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, who will be discussing co-operation on transport, the Secretary of State for Defence, George Robertson, and Robin Cook,

the Foreign Secretary. Mr Cook today will try to damp down the expected Tory attack in a debate in the Commons on Europe by making it clear there is no threat of tax harmonisation while the Government retains the veto. He will also tell MPs that tax harmonisation does not mean all EU members states have to have the same tax regimes.

Mr Santer supported arguments made by Mr Lafontaine that progress on tax matters would in the long run require a shift to majority voting, but added: "For the time being we have got the treaty and we have to be guardians of that

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# Last of a long line of great Tory aristocrats

OFTEN DESCRIBED as the BY PAUL WAUGH last great Tory "aristo", Vis- Political Correspondent count Cranborne's demise ends more than a 100 years of Parliamentary tradition of one of the greatest Conservative dy-

The great-great-grandson of the Prime Minister Lord Salisbury won widespread respect for the way in which he marshalled his troops to inflict defeat after defeat on the Government in the House of

Yet Robert Cecil Cranborne. the seventh Marquis of Salisbury, carried a sense of "noblesse oblige that seems finally to have led to his sack-

Although he fought vigorously against the Government's plans to reform the Lords. as a hereditary over himself, he realised that his days were num-

Noon today

to his friends, became Leader of the House of Lords in 1994, and then opposition Leader after the last election.

Educated at Eton and Oxford, he sat as MP for Dorset South for 16 years. He showed little interest in promotion and gave up his seat in 1987. He had achieved notoriety as an MP after offering his freelance services to the Mujahedin resisting the Soviet regime in

He was persuaded by his old friend John Major to re-enter Parliament in 1992, when he was summoned to the Upper House with his family name. When he offered his resignation after the 1997 election defeat, Mr Hague refused to accept it.

The family gave its name to the "Salisbury Convention", established by the 5th Marquis.

FORECAST

General situation: England and Wales will start generally dry but rather cold with patches of fog and frost. The southern half of England and Wales will remain dry with a few spells of sunshine, but a band of cloud and light showers will spread southwards across northern England, north Wales and the north Midlands. Northern Scotland will be colder than in recent days. There will be a mix of sunny spells and wintry showers. Southern Scotland and Northern Inetiand will begin the day cloudy with some drizzly rain, but it will become brighter this afternoon.

Cent S & SE England, London: Some early frost and patches of mist and fog. but generally dry with a few sunny spells. A light north to north-easterly wind. Max temp 4-5C (39-41F).

E Anglia, E England, Midlands: Rather cold again with cloud increasing from the north bringing one or two showers towards evening. A light northerly wind. Max temp 4-5C (39-41F).

NW England, Cent N & NE England, N Wales, Lake Dist, Isle of Man: Another cold day with cloud and parchy drazle spreading southwards. A light north-westerly wind. Max temp 4-6C (39-43F).

Channel Is, SW England, 5 Wales: Some cloud around but largely dry with a few sunny breaks. A light north-easterly wind. Max temp 3-5C (37-41F).

M Ireland, SW & SE Scotland, Glasgow, Edinburgh: Early cloud and drizzle soon clearing to leave it cold, but there will be a few sunny spells this afternoon A moderate north-westerly wind. Max temp 6-8C (43-46F).

NW & NE Scotland, Abordean, W & N Isles: A much colder day than recent here will be some decent sunny spells, but these will be interspersed by show many of them heavy. A strong north-westerly wind, Max temp 5-7C (41-45F).

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Lords will not frustrate the House of Commons when the latter is expressing the overwhelming will of the electorate.

It appears that Lord Cranborne's own commitment to the convention has led to his When the Government lost

the European Elections Bill at the end of the last session of Parliament, he offered what appeared to be a truce by stating that Tory peers would respect the convention. The peace offer infuriated

Mr Hague, who reversed it the following day. When Lord Cranborne decided to offer a similar "freelance" deal on Lords reform, Mr Hague's fury resulted in his sacking.

When he was asked recently where his career was heading, Lord Cranborne gave a startling answer: "I'm not a bank clerk," he said. "I don't

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Pupils from Cart Junior School, York, experiencing life as navvies during a drama

workshop at the city's National Railway Museum yesterday

# THE ATLANTIC NOON TODAY

Low I will sink southwards before becoming slow moving south, gradually filling. High F will edge north-eastwards THE WORLD YESTERDAY

# Blair in new deal on EU defence

THE BRITISH and French governments are expected to agree a common approach to European Union defence policy following a broadly successful meeting between foreign and defence ministers

in Paris yesterday. The text of a possible statement – formally dropping Britain's long-standing opposition to EU involvement in defence matters - is likely to be agreed when the political top brass meets for the annual Anglo-French summit in St Malo today and tomorrow.

Both British and French sources stressed the "historic" nature of yesterday's meeting - an attempt by the two countries to force the pace on an important European issue, in a manner usually associated with Franco-German summits.

Although some differences remain, Mr Blair, President Chirac and the French Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, are expected to agree a statement of principles for negotiations with other European countries and the US - on the development of an EU capacity to act militarily separately from Nato.

Britain stresses that this is not intended to rival or weaken the western alliance but to provide EU countries with a capability to intervene in European trouble spots (such as the Balkans) when the US is not

able, or willing, to do so. It is understood that some of the unresolved issues are between France and France, rather than between France and Britain. In other words, there are differences of approach between President Chirac and Mr Jospin and bein Paris

tween the French foreign and defence ministries.

Mr Blair startled other European governments in October when he said it was time to have another try at solving the institutional and logistical problems which have defeated earlier attempts to create a European defence identity. The Prime Minister said he was ready to drop Britain's long standing opposition to defence issues being decided at EU level.

It is believed that the St Malo statement would leave open the possibility of the Western European Union, at present a kind of half-way house between Nato and the EU, being brought fully into the EU treaties and institutions. This is something which has been long denvanded by the French and Germans.

French officials said the core issue was "how to allow the EU to take over political and strategic management of military operations, including using forces assigned to Nato". Such a development would be extremely welcome to the French. They remain outside the military structures of Nato but have become aware of the limits of their political and military capacity to act alone.

Britain says the overall responsibility of Nato for defending the Continent must not be challenged. But those EU countries willing to do so should create a new decision-making process - and provide the transport, satellite and other logistic hardware - for independent, peace-keeping and punitive actions on the Continent.

### Tree surgeon axes family to death

A MAN slaughtered his es- By CATHY COMERFORD tranged wife and her elderly parents with what is believed to be an axe then shortly afterwards died in his blazing, barricaded home a couple of miles away.

The body of Philip Heyward, 64, a tree surgeon, was found yesterday at his razed house in St Blazey Gate, Cornwall It is believed he hanged himself

The bodies of his wife Phyllis Heyward, aged in her fifties, and her parents, Albert and Myra Spring, both in their eighties, were found by Mrs Heyward's sister, Shirley

Solomon. They had been beaten to death, and had severe head injuries inflicted by what appeared to be a blunt instrument. An axe was recovered from Mr Heyward's house, but police would not say whether it was the murder weapon.

Detective Inspector Dave Rowe said last night no one else was being sought.

Mrs Heyward had left her husband six weeks ago and was staying at Ms Solomon's house in St Austell.

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# Your implant will diagnose you now: a vision of medicine in the 21st century

By GLENDA COOPER AND CHARLES ARTHUR

IT IS A DREAM for some, a nightmare for others. Designer babies, "Star Trek" medical devices, brain implants and womb transplants may sound like fantasy but could all become commonplace in the next half century.

Rather than visiting the local GP, we will increasingly live in "intelligent houses" which monitor our health through body implants and consult the Internet to find the expert in our problem.

But alongside the array of technological breakthroughs, the darker side of future medicine conjures up a picture of a Brave New World, where brain function could be assessed in the womb and parents who continue with pregnancy knowing their child carries an illness could face stigma and be forced to meet the costs of treatment.

These are some of the predictions made in "Clinical Futures", an analysis of likely changes in medicine over the next 50 years, published today by the British Medical Journal publishing group.

According to David Delpy, Professor of Medical Physics at University College, London, an instant diagnostic device might well work using near-infrared light which can penetrate deep layers of body tissue. "Given developments in computing, allied to the ability of near-infrared light to distinguish the absorption arising from different molecules in the body, we may yet see the day when, like Dr McCoy in Star Trek, the doctor merely waves a machine with flashing lights over the patient to make an instant diagnosis,"

said Professor Delpy. He added that there would be increased growth in patients looking after their own health. "Technology is going to push diagnosis right down to the local level," he said. "People are going to diagnose themselves, buying small testing kits in Boots, and monitor their own health, driven increasingly by healthcare insurance."

He suggested there might be lower premiums or no claims bonuses on healthcare insurance for those who monitored

WHAT WHAT ARE WE ABLE TO DO NOW? **EFFECTS** 

> IS IT REALISTIC? \*Clinical Futures. ed Marshali Marinker and Sir Michael Peckham

"Within 10 years it will transplant a viable foetus... into an artificial enviroment which will nurture the pregnancy to a point where safe delivery can

ARTIFICIAL

WOMBS

FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE: HOW THE MEDICINE OF THE FUTURE WILL CHANGE OUR LIVES

Last July a Japanese team used a "machine womb" ~ an opentopped acrylic tank. filled with liquid at blood temperature - to take a 17-week-old goat foetus to term three weeks later. Improvements in intensive care mean human babies born at 24 weeks can survive.

The fertility expert Lord Winston said last year. "A technique like this (artificial womb) may well save a number of (premature) babies that would otherwise die." The artificial placenta would let their lungs develop more fully.

Yes, though it will be a long, long time - if ever before it completely replaces the biological womb and its subtle effects on the embryo.

BABIES

"By cloning sections of DNA that code for physical or mental fitness, genetic engineers will have the potential to produce designer babies, but only for those who can afford it.""

DESIGNER

We have tests for a variety of genetic flaws. A number of clinics claim to be able to let you pick the sex of your child - but it's still hit or miss. But because of ethical worries, nobody has yet tried to alter or control a foetus's genetic makeup, in case it does more harm than

Huge. It would magnify the gap between rich and poor because only the former would be able to pay for, and benefit from, the treatment. However, sex would remain a cheap way to acquire "quality"

"Gene therapy", to control and shape our DNA, promises much. but has so far not delivered. Mastering it could take decades.

INTELLIGENT HOUSES

"it is possible to imagine a large proportion of the population having permanent implants which would provide permanent monitoring of the most important physiological parameters."

In August Professor Kevin Warwick, at Reading University, implanted a silicon chip under his skin so hitech buildings could remotely sense his presence. Monitoring the body's processes only needs miniaturisation of systems that already exist to monitor our vital signs.

It's important for older people and those at risk of acute illness such as heart attacks. Rapid treatment always improves the quality of recovery, and with a growing number of older people that could be a key factor.

The only obstacles are cost, which is minor, and privacy - would you want all that personal data being beamed about?

TRANSPLANTS

'Nerve cells from trangenic pigs may become commonplace as treatment for Parkinson's disease by 2010... it may take 10-20 more years... to treat spinal cord injuries and other forms of paralysis.""

The 37-year-old actor Michael J Fox. who has Parkinson's, had brain surgery in March in an attempt to lessen its effect on his nervous system. Others are also having experimental surgery to try to ward off similar diseases. The problem is how to get the "new" nerve

Degenerative brain diseases are the curse of an ageing population. Rejuvenating our nerves could transform our later lives, and help younger people with debilitating diseases. Curing paralysis is the Holy Grail of this field.

tissue to work.

Yes: experimental implants are already going ahead in animals, and we understand more about the brain and nerves every day.

**DOCTORS** 

"Home-based blood sampling and automated drug prescription... may see the demise of the traditional GP. patient contacts would mostly be with nonmedical personnel, with telelinks to specialists"\*

Pregnant women on the Isle of Wight can talk to specialists in London who view their ultrasound pictures over telephone links. The availability of the Internet and mail-order genetic testing has meant more people can do self-diagnosis. GPs lose out to specialists ín pay terms too,

People are more honest about divulging medical problems to machines and tend not to argue with the diagnosis. For harder cases. telemedicine means you can speak to the top specialist in the coun-

Definitely. The trends are heading very strongly towards more specialists and fewer GPs: the Internet is

try, wherever they are.

accelerating it. occurring twins could be

brought to bear in order to reduce the risk of disability. Increased knowledge of how childhood development affects

adult health might promote ag-

gressive state "nannyism". "In an era when adoptable children will become increasingly scarce, child confiscation might become the preferred method of enhancing living conditions for children, rather than attempts at across-theboard improvements," she said.

said they saw the future as optimistic. "There is great potential and it is very exciting.

#### ple are also going to be consulting across the Internet, finding the consultant who has the most expertise in their particular problem and then dashing around Europe to get themselves treated. This also means the role of doctors is going to

change quite significantly." Professor Delpy foresees a world where body implants would monitor blood pressure. heart rate and other health indicators. They could be linked to the "intelligent house" which would continuously monitor data from the implants, spotting anything from a cold to an im-

pending heart attack.

device for elderly people living for cancer are being attempted after its inhabitant by booking appointments with doctors or adjusting a diet by controlling the ordering or cooking of the right foods.

Everybody will be so interlinked that a large part of routine functions will go on around you without you knowing," said Professor Delpy. "Your car will be driven out ready for you in the morning and your breakfast will start cooking itself."

In cancer treatment, one specialist predicted that a "golden age" of drug discovery and gene therapy would begin.

alone, the house could look and more would be tried. One approach would be to tag cancer cells to make them more visible to the body's immune system. Alternatively, cancer cells could be tagged with genes that make them better targets for anti-cancer drugs.

With an ageing population,

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cancer incidence will inevitably rise. But Karol Sikora, Professor of International Cancer Medicine at the Imperial College School of Medicine, said that by 2020 concerted action against smoking could reduce cancer incidence by 20 per cent, and dietary modifications

Leslie Iverson, Visiting Professor at the department of pharmacology at Oxford University, predicted remarkable developments in brain and nerve repair. Brain cell transplants, when foetal cells are inected into the damaged area of the brain, would help tackle degenerative diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

New techniques will also be used to regenerate nerve fibres. by finding ways to bridge the scarring between damaged nerves, using powerful chemical promoters of nerve cell growth. "The prospect of making the blind see again and the

but not impossible goal in this field of research." he said. For those with weight problems, anti-obesity drugs which

target the centres of the brain which control weight could be developed. Then it may be possible to provide a treatment regime that would permanently readjust the body weight controi system downwards (or upwards for anorexics).

Genes that predispose people to mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, manie depression, and even addiction to drugs or alcohol, would be identified and screened out.

But Catherine Peckham,

cine at the Institute of Child Health, said that the advances in technology must be accompanied by a debate on the influence this had on society.

She predicted that artificial wombs could become a reality within 10 years. And by cloning sections of DNA that contribute to physical or mental fitness. and screening out unwanted characteristics, genetic engineers would have the ability to produce designer babies. "I think they could become a possibility, but I hope they won't."

she said yesterday. Because of the inherent risks in multiple births, pres-

Despite this the scientists all

# Breast cancer alert for 40 women as doctor quits

A HEALTH TRUST has re- By CATHY COMERFORD called 40 women for breast checks as a part of a review into the work of a surgeon after the deaths of two of his patients.

David Baumber has now resigned from his job as a consultant surgeon for Bury Hospital. Healthcare NHS Trust in The re Greater Manchester

Mr Baumber had not worked for the Trust since April when a male patient in his 40s, for whose post-operative care he had been responsible, died after general surgery. Following concerns raised by

nursing staff, the case of a second patient under Mr Baumber's care, who had died after general surgery, was re-exam-The second deceased was a

woman in her 60s. Concern was expressed about the level of post-operative care. As a re-

suit of the two cases the trust ordered an independent review into Mr Baumber's work atBury General Hospital and at the nearby Fairfield

care management had contributed to their deaths.

A spokesman for the trust,

set up to provide counselling for

management of post-operative care of both patients but said

which runs both hospitals, said that a further review of more cases was under way, and a team of health-care experts had been called in to examine 460 breast-work cases in detail. Of those, 40 had been recalled for

for breast problems.

Hugh Lamont, head of communications for the regional of- acted quickly enough. fice of the NHS executive, said: "There were criticisms of patient management. The families of the two people and the coro-The review criticised the ner were kept informed, but the review did not find any cases

where the outcome was that it was not clear whether affected. women have been contacted. The first nine were all in the ation. clear and the rest are expect-

than 600 of Mr Baumber's ed to hear today or next week." Umesh Prabu, medical director of the trust, told The Independent: "The operations were very good, but when the patient developed complications the post-operative care a mammogram.

A 24-hour helpline had been was ill-managed. "As a surgeon you have two

women treated by Mr Baumber choices: you either observe. or you go in quickly and operate again. It was felt he had not

> "The review could not say for sure if the surgery would have done anything to alter the prognosis. You can never be absolutely certain."

Mr Prabu would not describe the surgery carried out as this would breach patient "The trust has set up four confidentiality. But he said that special clinics and all the the families of both patients had been fully apprised of the situ-

> "We have been very honest with the relatives," he said. The trust yesterday emphasised that the investigation was only a precautionary measure.

In a statement it said that details would be made public but that its primary concern remained the welfare of the 40 patients



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# Anger as Royal Court puts sponsor's name up in lights

SIR PETER Hall yesterday crit- By DAVID LISTER icised a deal by which a private Arts News Editor company will have its name in lights outside one of the country's most historic venues, the Royal Court Theatre in London.

Sir Peter, former director of the National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company, said the 23m deal with the Jerwood company was a "typical sign of the times ... The Royal Court isn't the Jerwood theatre. It has 100 years of history, and Jerwood are buying those 100 years for £3m."

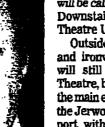
The playwright Harold Pinter said he found the decision "confusing". Bill Alexander, artistic director of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, said: "It's horrible ... It will be a crying shame if the only way that theatres can get money home. The Royal Court had

from sponsors in the future is

to do this." Under the deal the Jerwood Foundation will give the publicly subsidised theatre the final 13m needed to complete its £26m rebuilding costs.

It had originally wanted the Royal Court to change its name to the Jerwood Theatre but after an outcry a compromise was reached between the Royal Court chairman, the writer Sir John Mortimer, and the Jerwood chairman, Alan Grieve,

However, the deal, though it allows the Royal Court to keep its name, will enable Jerwood to have its name in lights above the theatre's Sloane Square



Hall: 'A sign of the times'

been threatened with going into liquidation next year, still needing £3m to complete reRoyal Court's two auditoria will be called Jerwood Theatre Downstairs and Jerwood Theatre Upstairs.

Outside, the original stone and ironwork on the facade will still read Royal Court Theatre, but a neon sign above the main entrance will highlight the Jerwood Foundation's support with the wording "The Jerwood Theatres at the Royal Court Theatre".

Sir John said: "I am enormously relieved that the negotiations have been ... resolved and we can now go forward to provide a rebuilt and hugely improved theatre for new writing." Mr Grieve said: "We have

had a robust debate on our pro-

nosed capital funding ... We

have now achieved a reasoned

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Extradition: Lawyers' fees of up to £3,000 a day are being paid by former dictator, who is also paying Crown's costs

# Legal bill for Pinochet is £12,000 a day

is running up legal expenses of up to £12,000 a day in his fight against extradition, according to details of his lawyers' bills obtained by The Independent.

Senior counsel are understood to have averaged as much as £3,000 per day, while junior members of his fivestrong team of barristers are billing averages of up to £900 for daily "preparation" sessions. Add an estimated daily rate of £4,500 for solicitors and the resultant fees are expected to top £1m before Christmas.

After the House of Lords overturned a High Court ruling that General Pinochet could not be extradited to Spain to answer charges of torture and murder, an earlier order giving him costs from central funds was overturned. That means the former dictator must pay not only his own costs, but also those of the Crown Prosecution Service, which represents the

KIM SENGUPTA



Pinochet: Luxury refuge

Costs for the three-day High Court hearing alone were put at about £400,000.

The Independent has obtained details of the bills already being faced by the Pinochet camp. He is represented in court by two Queens Counsel,

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sel, Helen Malcolm, James Cameron and Julian Knowles. All but Mr Cameron are from 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, central London, which specialises in extradition cases. An examination of billing re-

veals Ms Montgomery has been averaging 6.6 hours a day on the case, at a rate of £350 per hour or £2,306 per day. Between 29 October and 11 November, she billed £53,054.05. Sources within the inns of court said yesterday the leading counsel, Clive Nicholls, would receive up to £500 an hour. The junior counsel is by no

means cheap. Helen Malcolm averaged 5.99 hours per day at £150 per hour during a 28-day period, running up fees of £25,162.50. Counsel's instructing solicitors are Kingsley Napley, among the country's most ruthlessly successful. Between three and four solicitors, led by Michael Caplan, senior partner,



An aerial view of General Pinochet's temporary new home, Everglades, on the exclusive Wentworth Estate in Surrey

the others are thought to range from £200 to £150 per hour Bills of £7,500 from the barristers and £4,500 from the solicitors could be expected.

The Crown Prosecution Ser-

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barristers during the Lords worth Estate in Surrey. Anastively at £250 per hour. Fees for hearing. A spokes woman said tasia Cliffe was astonished to yesterday that a team of four is working full-time on the case home is now refuge for an albut she could not provide details of the costs being incurred.

General Pinochet yesterday settled into a new temporary see the Bee Gees, but never, Clive Nicholls and Clare Mont- are working on the case. Mr Ca- vice was represented by four home on the exclusive Went- ever anything like this," she

leged mass murderer.

When we were there we had trouble with people coming to said. "The house is not particstandards but it is very private General Pinochet moved to

the house in Virginia Water after being asked to leave the private hospital where he had been staying after a back operation. The rental for the house, Everglades in Lindale Close, is said to be £10,000 a month. The tree-lined residential area now has road blocks.

A group of businessmen in Chile is raising funds for General Pinochet's defence. An of-Nico Rogerson. Robin Birley. ficial at the Pinochet Found- Taki Theodoracopulos and Se

wealthy, and needed the help. Carlos Carceres, the president of the Chilean subsidiary of British American Tobacco is said to be a leading contributor. and the general is also receiving the support of Miguel Schweitzer a Chilean ambassador to London during the military regime, and businessman

Hernan Felipe Errazuiz. In London, many of the Pinochet support party have past or present links with Baroness Thatcher.

They are said to include

### Files reveal Kissinger's role in coup

HENRY KISSINGER, national By Hugh O'Shaughnessy security adviser and Secretary of State to successive US presidents, most notably Richard Nixon, will come under attack tration releases secret documents about his part in helping General Augusto Pinochet to

power and sustaining him there. The declassified documents will inevitably lead to questions about the US government's own role in the coup against President Salvador Allende in September 1973 and the bloodbath that followed in which 3,000 were murdered or "disappeared".

"There are thousands of documents in the records of the CIA, the Pentagon, the State Department and elsewhere that would prove Spain's case against General Pinochet," said Peter Kornbluh, an analyst with the National Security Archive, the Washington based freedom of information group.

The decision could reveal the depth of US knowledge and involvement in the coup. There is speculation that it could result in international law suits against former US government

One member of the British embassy staff at the time of Pinochet's coup was David Spedding who served in Chile from 1972 to 1974. Now Sir David, he is head of the Secret Intelligence Service, MI6. The documents will back up the evidence that Dr Kissinger

not only sought the liquidation of Allende, the freely elected left-winger, but also did nothing to stop the systematic use of torture by the Pinochet regime. The US is also said to have done nothing to prevent the assassination by Pinochet's secret police, the Dina, of Orlando

Letelier, Allende's former ambassador to the US, in Washington in September 1976. In June the State Department had learnt that the Dina had started an undercover operation in the US capital and that the government of Paraguay had sought US visas for two Dina officers. George Landau, US ambas-

sador to Paraguay, sought guid. ance about the two men from Washington, a request which which wanted Allende out.

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Kissinger: Did nothing to stop torture

was passed to Dr Kissinger's office and also to the CIA

One already declassified document, written by the Assistant Secretary of State, Jack Kubisch, 10 weeks after the coup, shows that US intelligence knew that Pinochet's military had already executed 320 people, three times the officially admitted number, and carried out extensive human rights abuses. The memo goes on to say that the US government had already sent \$24m of aid to the new regime.

US government and CIA officials who played a part in America's efforts to destabilise Allende's elected government could also come under scrutiny. In front of Dr Kissinger,

President Nixon told the CIA chief. Richard Helms, to do whatever it took to prevent Allende from winning office. "Make the economy scream," he said. He told them to organise a military coup and made \$10m available.

Although the CIA tried, they did not manage to stop Allende in 1970. Helms was later successfully prosecuted for perjury for lying to Congress about the coup attempts. He is now retired.

CIA operations to destabilise Allende continued. Between 1970 and 1973 the US spent nearly \$8m in covert operations. Nixon was motivated by his friends in big business, especially the ITT conglomerate

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'So, the Hun is at the gate again. This time he wants to harmonise our taxes'

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# Rover boss quits over huge losses

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By MICHAEL HARRISON

THE GERMAN chairman of the Rover car group resigned yesterday, as the company's owners, BMW, indicated that the Government would have to provide up to 2200m in aid to secure the production of a new medium-sized car at the Longbridge plant in Birmingham.

Dr Walter Hasselkus, an Anglophile, aesthete and Latin scholar, said he was resigning after just two years in the job because "someone had to stand up and be counted" over Rover's mounting losses.

The amouncement came as BMW confirmed that it will invest £400m to build the new Mini at Longbridge. The investment follows union agreement on a ground-breaking labour flexibility, deal that will save Rover £150m a year, result in 2,500 job losses but safeguard the future of Longbridge. BMW is funding the new

in 2000 at a rate of 150,000 cars a year, out of its own resources. But Bernd Pischetsrieder, chairman of BMW, warned that a further £1bn investment in a replacement for the Rover 200-400 series would depend on taxpayers' support to help it match "unfair competition" from Rover's subsidised rivals. A spokesman for the De-

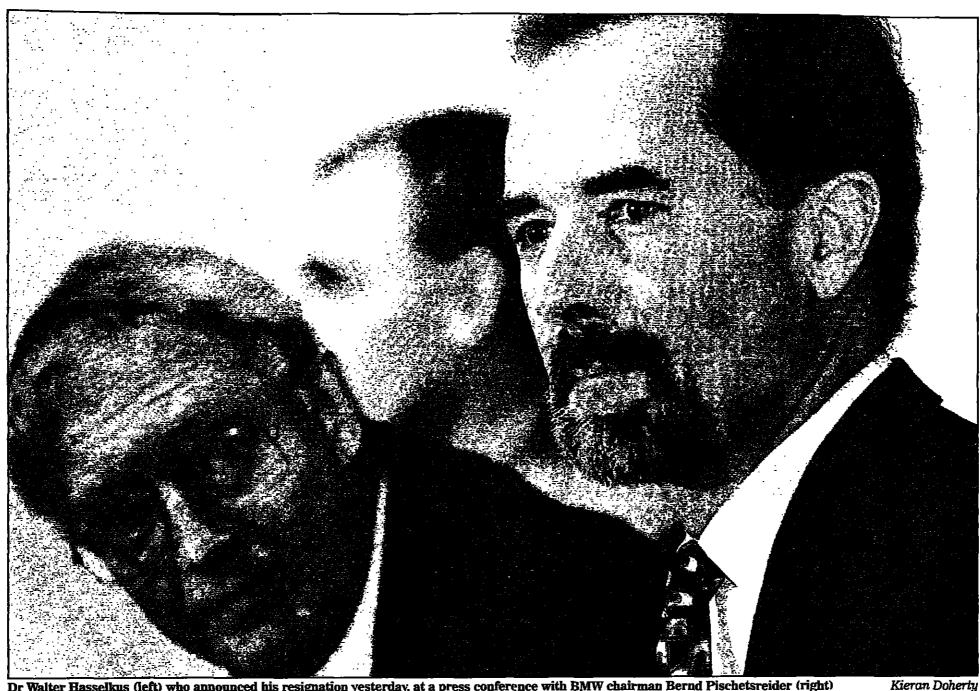
Mini, due to go into production

partment of Trade and Industry said no negotiations had begun with BMW and no aid application received. When one arrived it would be dealt with in

Since BMW took over Rover five years ago it has invested £2.5bn but losses this year are expected to reach at least £600m, mainly because of the strength of the pound and Rover's inferior productivity.

Mr Pischetsrieder said the hew union agreement would not enable Rover to close the 30 per cent productivity gap with BMW's plants in Germany and hinted that it may need to transfer more component purchasing abroad.

Rover is already switching filbn worth of orders from UK Freelander and R75 executive suppliers on to the Continent. Dr Hasselkus, 58, is taking early retirement and is being phony Orchestra.



Dr Walter Hasselkus (left) who announced his resignation yesterday, at a press conference with BMW chairman Bernd Pischetsreider (right)

replaced by Professor Werner Sămann, 56, who previously ran BMW's engines and transmission's division and is regarded as more of a hard-nosed cost cutter.

During Dr Hasselkus's reign, Rover introduced the new baby Range Rover, the car and also took on the sponsorship of the London Sym-

He announced his departure at a press conference tinged with emotion and humour and laced with Latin quotations. Asked whether he had jumped or whether he had been pushed, Dr Hasselkus replied:

He then added with a chuckle: "Hic Rhodes, hic salta" (Here is Rhodes, here I jump).

The quotation is a reference

man who was always boasting he could jump from one island to another until one day he was challenged to perform the feat. Dr Hasselkus spent four

vears as the head of BMW's UK "I jumped, I don't like to be sales operation in the early Eighties and came into the Rover job from heading its motorcycle division. He is a keen motorcyclist.

"Having pondered the situ-

to the Greek legend about a ation very carefully and discussed it with Bernd, I have come to the conclusion that somebody else, somebody who is a real expert in engineering and technical areas would be

> better suited to run Rover." Although the strong pound was Rover's biggest problem, he said he had got it wrong by not anticipating how fiercely competitive the UK car market would be. "When I look around

360 degrees at the end of the fewer hours during slack periday I have to look at myself. I feel very strongly somebody has to stand up and be counted."

ods of the year. Each employ-

ee will have a working time

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"bank" up to 200 bours a year.

jobs in the West Midlands.

Under the new labour agreement, Rover's 37,000 staff will move to a 35 hour week, but overtime will end and pay rises for the next two years will be sharply reduced.

Employees will vary their shift patterns, working longer hours when demand is high and

BBC's staff in Scotland silenced

By PAUL MCCANN Media Editor

THE BBC in Scotland has issued a gagging order to stop its journalists and presenters from speaking out on the issue of a news programme for post-devolution Scotland, after eight wrote to The Independent last. week rejecting the BBC's plans.

The order reflects the furore that has been generated by the BBC Governor's rejection of proposals for a "Scottish Six". Instead the Governors have suggested a London-edited bulletin of Scottish news to be included in the national Six O'clock News. A final decision will be made on December 10.

Those who wrote to The Independent last week included the presenters Ruth Wishart and Colin Bell, and BBC Scotland's senior political correspondent, Kenny McIntyre.

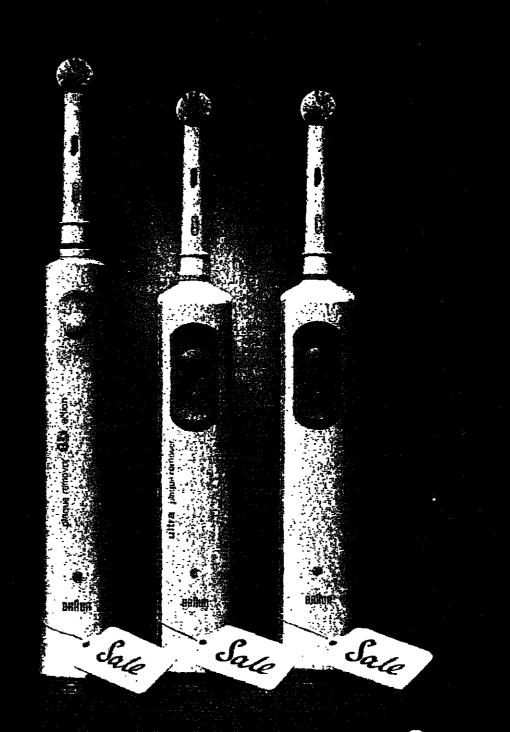
A BBC Scotland spokesman said yesterday that the memo ordering staff to clear any public statements about the issue with their superiors was designed to ensure the impartiality of reporters.

The memo, issued by BBC Scotland's head of news, Ken Cargill, said: "Over the past few days there has been significant clarification of precisely what our preferred option would and would not be and some staff have gone on the record to correct misconceptions. It's important that we ensure that no-one crosses the line into campaigning for a Scottish Six in order that we can sustain our impartiality. Strictly speaking, anyone wishing to comment on BBC matters should seek advice from their departmental head. Please ask for that advice should you require it.

One BBC Scotland insider Union leaders welcomed the deal. Tony Woodley, national said yesterday: "The issue of impartiality can only affect secretary of the Transport and whoever is covering media sto-General Workers, said the new ries, yet the BBC is using the agreement had saved 50,000 impartiality excuse to gag the Business Outlook, rest of us - the ones who are page 21 most strongly arguing for it."

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### Police accused in race case

A CHIEF Constable and two fel- By GARY FINN low senior officers are to give evidence in the High Court over their role in an alleged racist beating of a 12-year-old

Stephen Pilkington, the chief constable of Avon and Somerset Police, has been called, towith with an incident in Lewisham 11 years ago. Police officers, it taunts and assaulted Jermaine

Jauvel, now 23. Mr Jauvel is suing the Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon, for damages arising out of his arrest and subsequent prosecution for assaulting a police officer in

Rajiv Menon, representing Mr Jauvel, of London, told the jury: "This is a case about lost innocence and how a child can experience something which no child should have to experience. This is a case about the reality of being black in an English

Mr Menon said that before ficers," Mr Menon said.

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his arrest Jauvel had never been in trouble and wanted to become a police officer himself. He had been arrested "for no reason whatsoever", and the in-

cident left him frightened and shocked. He was held for three two hours at Lewisham police stasuperintendents, in connection tion and then charged with assaulting a police officer. Mr Jauvel had never re-

is claimed, mouthed racist ceived an apology, said Mr Menon, despite being acquitted of the assault charge by a mag-At the time of the incident Mr

Jauvel had been trying to catch a bus home from the Riverdale Centre in Lewisham, where there was a strong police pres-

It is alleged that police, when asking young people to dis-perse, took Mr Jauvel out of view, kicked and punched him and called him a "a black shit". "Racism is no longer denied

by the Metropolitan Police. It is now accepted by the commissioner that there are racist of-



Jermaine Jauvel arriving at the High Court yesterday

Council tax rises 'twice inflation'

COUNCIL TAX bills are set to BY PAUL WAUGH rise by nearly double the rate of inflation next year, with even bigger increases likely in the South and London, the Gov-

ernment revealed yesterday. The Deputy Prime Minister, bills would go up on average by 4.5 per cent if councils kept guidelines. The underlying inflation rates stands at 2.5 per cent. Mr Prescott warned that any town hall which exceeded his figure would be subject to tough new penalties and would lose millions of pounds in sub-

Council tax for an average Band D home in England will be at least £781, a rise of £33 on £748 today.

But the Liberal Democrats and the Tories claimed that bills would be much higher because the Government had removed budget capping and town halls faced new pressures.

They claimed that councils in London and the South-east had again been hit by changes in grant funding while "crony councils" in the North would receive more help.

Announcing the 1999/2000 the House of Commons, Mr Prescott said that the funding package was the most generous council tax deal ever. Councils across England will be allowed to spend an extra £2.6bn next year, a real terms increase of 2.3 per cent. Over the next three years, Standard Spending Assessments, the amount Whitehall judges councils need to spend, will rise by 7 per cent, he

To ensure that councils aren't tempted into profligacy. Mr Prescott revealed a new power to withhold council tax promised rises of no more than benefit subsidy from any council that put up its bills by more areas rises were up to 15 per than a 4.5 per cent guideline. cent. It is very pointless that

he new sanction which Mr Prescott described as "Prescott's sophisticated capping", would hit poor areas hardest because they had a larger number of residents claiming the benefit and town halls depended on the subsidy.

Under the new settlement,

Political Correspondent

authorities such as Brent, Brighton and Windsor will be allowed spending rises of inflation or less, whereas the biggest John Prescott, announced that bills would go up on average by gainers such as Rotherham and Gateshead would get more than 7 per cent. A special grant within Whitehall spending will be paid to cushion those councils that had received less funding than others. Mr Prescott insisted.

"We are asking the council taxpayer to contribute a fair share to the cost of providing local services, no more, no less," he added.

"I make this guarantee for next year. No local authority. north or south, will receive less government grant support next year than they did this year.

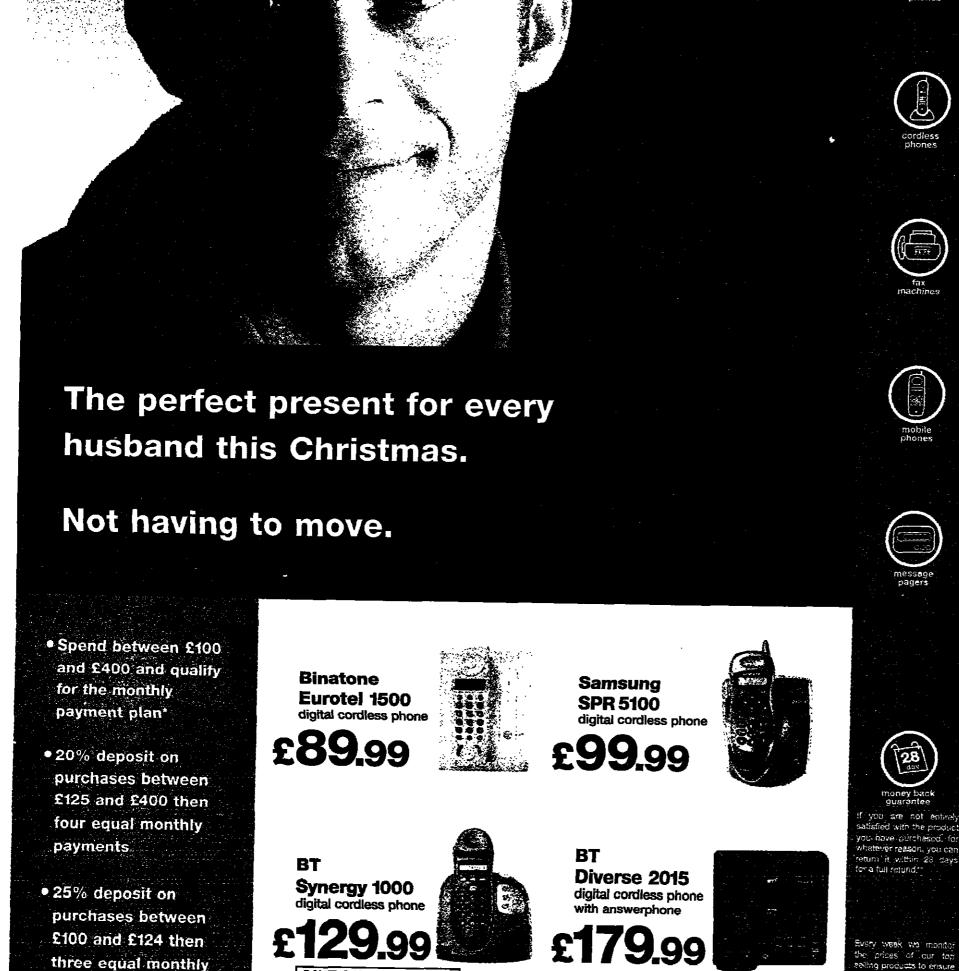
"It follows that there is no case for steep council tax increases. If we are faced with such increase, we shall not hesitate to act. We have to protect the country's interests as

Paul Burstow, the local government spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, said that there was a £1.6 bn gap between what councils needed to mainlocal government settlement in tain services and what the Government was promising.

Council tax rises could average 8 per cent across England, he said. "This is yet another smoke and mirrors settlement. Once again council taxpayers will be forced to pay more for less. They are robbing from the poor to give to the poorest."

Gillian Shepherd, the Conservative spokeswoman on the Environment, said that the Government averages hid a range of potentially large tax hikes. "Last year ministers 7 per cent and in fact in some Council leaders claimed that they should be making these kinds of promises this year." she said. "You have today promised jam tomorrow. Ordinary families know that the bills will ar-

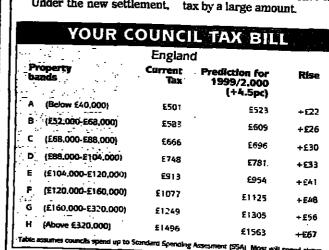
rive next year.' Eric Illsley, MP for Barnsley Central, warned that his council would have to increase its



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# Jail stores on es, supermarket shopping list

SUPERMARKETS may be offered the chance to run stores in prisons in an effort to give inmates better service and choice.

The Prison Service is set to offer contracts for 103 prison shops where inmates are allowed to buy tobacco, toiletries and some luxury items. Private keep-fit instructors could also be invited to run physical education and sports classes in more than 30 prison gyms.

But news of the privatisation plan comes as the Prison Service has been forced to consider luctant to give the company ending its first experiment of allowing a private firm to run a business within a jail.

The American-owned company Wackenhut (UK) has run the industrial unit at Coldingley prison, in Surrey, for the past rear. Inmates are paid to make signposts and provide laundry and engineering services.

The scheme ran into controversy when it was revealed the firm was given a £100,000 loan to buy raw materials and was allowed free gas and electricity worth around £40,000. Prison Service critics said jail bosses were desperate for the scheme to succeed so similar projects to be set up at other jails.

The Wackenhut project is de-

Home Affairs Correspondent

signed to improve the profitability of prison industries by bringing in private-business efficiency. But sources at the prison have revealed that the firm has found it difficult to win contracts and is understood to be making losses of £40,000 a month. It has asked to renegotiate its contract, which began in November last year, but Prison Service officials are re-

another £500,000 a year. Nevertheless, the Prison Service is looking at pressing ahead with privatisation plans

Harry Fletcher, of the National Association of Probation Officers, criticised the development. 'Just as they are running into trouble with the privatised prison industry they are trying to privatise the gyms and the prison shops, which have always been non-profitmaking ventures."

The prison shops - known as "canteens" – could generate a turnover in excess of £20m a year. Typically, prisoners who do duties such as cleaning earn around £10-a-week which they

jails have experimented with 'enhanced wages" of between £60 and £134 a week for full-time jobs making food or working on the prison farm.

However, the revenue gen erated by the shops is unlikely to be large enough to tempt Britain's supermarket giants.

A Prison Service spokesman said privatisation of the canteens and gymnasia was under consideration but no final decision had been taken. He confirmed that Wacken

hut (UK) and senior officials were re-negotiating the future of the business but said details were the subject of commercial



Chelsea pensioners working up an appetite at the traditional 'Ceremony of the Christmas Cheeses' yesterday. Top of the cheese board was the great cheddar, weighing 56lb (25kg). The event dates back to the opening of the Royal Hospital in 1692

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## Ban on offal went beyond official advice

THE FORMER Tory Agriculture minister John MacGregor yesterday told the inquiry investigating the BSE crisis that he went beyond the scope of scientific advice to ban certain types of beef offal from human consumption.

Mr MacGregor and his deputy, Sir Donald Thompson, both decided to ignore the advice of officials and announced the offal ban in June 1989. They took the decision despite concern that it would cause a media outcry.

The inquiry into "mad cow disease", sitting in London, heard from Mr MacGregor that he originally took a cautious approach over BSE after taking up his role in 1987. He wanted scientific evidence before making decisions to protect the Government from any threat of legal action.

As a result, in April 1988 he set up a working party of ex-perts, under Sir Richard Southwood of Oxford University, to report to him on the issue. The party's final report, in February 1989, included a recommendation that those offals should not be included in baby food. Mr MacGregor said he grew increasingly concerned about this recommendation and decided to take a "belt-and-braces approach" by banning offals, such as the spinal cord, brains, spleen and tonsils, from all human foods. He called a meeting of officials from his own department and the Department of Health in 1989 to tell them of this.

"It was controversial," Mr MacGregor told the inquiry. "One reason my officials were concerned was because it put the issue up more strongly and



By JACKIE BROWN

John MacGregor: Took decision to ban offal

could result in a flurry of concern, which we managed to avoid. It was not popular with some of the industry. It was a very clear example of where the ministry was acting in the best interests of food safety and not just taking the producers' line."

He met Sir Richard the following day to discuss the fact that there was not scientific evidence to support such a ban. The two finally agreed on the

move and decided that it would be presented as being the most effective way of dealing with the baby-food issue because it would ensure that no such material got into the food chain.

Sir Donald, who was in charge of food safety at the time, said they had expected an outcry. "We expected to get the same press as the ban on beefon-the-bone got recently," he said. "At the end of the day, it was an ultra-safe measure."

#### IN BRIEF

#### IRA rebels jailed for failed robbery

FIVE "REAL IRA" dissident republicans were jailed yesterday by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin after pleading guilty to the attempted robbery of a security van in County Wicklow in May. A sixth man, Ronan Mac Loghlainn, 28, was killed at the scene during a gun battle with Irish po-lice. The van was carrying £300,000 in cash.

Florists accused of grave offence A MARRIED couple stole floral tributes and wreaths from a cemetery to use in their florist's shop, a court heard yesterday. Mary Scott, 35, and her husband David, 60, were accused of taking wreaths and flowers from a cemetery in North Shields. The couple pleaded not guilty at Newcastle Crown Court to five charges of theft.

Inquest into pub deaths begins AN INQUEST opened yesterday into the deaths of two women who are believed to have been overcome by fumes in a pub. Helen Marks, 31, from Leeds, and Kay Stenning, 30, of Richmond, Surrey, were found in a guest room at The Crown Inn, Wentner, Shropshire, on Sunday. The hearing, in Ludlow, was adjourned until March 22.

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# PM emerges victorious from shoot-out in the chamber

OFFICIALLY, PRIME Minister's and although he has been aiming question time ends at 3.30 on the wide just recently, he might let a dot. But it is often over well before couple of pellets land a little close, then. If William Hague rattles off just to remind Mr Blair that he's not every round in his six-shooter within the first 10 minutes, for example, be a mere codicil to the main event. then the rest of the occasion almost always has something of a desultory sir, a duel in which one of the gunslingers has run out of ammunition. Tony Blair can emerge from behind the riddled water-butt he's been using for cover and taunt his opponent with his impotence.

It is not safe to dismiss the oc-

firing blanks. But what follows will

But yesterday afternoon, the ses-

sion concluded early for the rarest of reasons. Something had actually happened, something so unusual that experienced journalists headed for their phones well before questions were formally over, confident that nothing could top what had just happened. Unless Mr Blair ancasion entirely - Paddy Ashdown is nounced that he was leaving Cherie still out there somewhere with a to set up home with Alastair Campbell, they knew they had their lead.

It began with Mr Hague inviting the Prime Minister to say whether he was happy to see "nearly 100 hereditaries continue to sit in the House of Lords". Mr Blair agreed. a response that bemused some Labour MPs without quite suppressing their Pavlovian reflex to make supportive noises whenever he reaches a full stop. "His party may not be aware of what he is talking about," continued Mr Hague, dis-

appointed by the lack of reaction. The Government, he explained, had been quietly preparing to cut a deal with the monstrous forces of reaction. In exchange for allowing one in ten of the hereditaries to keep

THE SKETCH



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a seat in the Lords, the Tory peers would agree to give up hooliganism. ment that this was a matter of con-

haps Mr Blair intends some form of legislative decimation, in which every tenth hereditary would be executed and their bodies propped on the benches to form a posthumous opposition. From my brief experience of the House of Lords it might

terfuge was discovered. For the moment, though, it was not the mechanics of the deal that mattered but its mere existence, a fact that Mr Hague clearly believed derailed the Government's argu-Quite how the lucky few were to stitutional principle. In effect, he was

be quite some time before the sub-

ing the most public and embarrassing moment at which to do it.

But if he thought Mr Blair would be covered with confusion he miscalculated. Yes, Mr Blair confirmed serenely, the Government was prepared to phase out hereditaries in two stages and, what is more, "we have the agreement of the leader of

his party in that House". Labour MPs, completely lost by now, loyally cheered this new concordat with the toffs. Mr Hague's charge had misfired and he could do nothing but plunge the detonator handle again and again in frustra-

be selected was not clear, nor how long their reprieve would last. Perplicitous, he had left himself looking ill-prepared.

Mr Blair was quick to exploit the opening. "I can't prevent him from engaging in a kamikaze mission". he said genially, after Mr Hague had retreated to his old defensive line about the House of Cronies. "but even his cronies in the House of Lords agree with me".

Mr Blair may yet lose this engagement in the corridors, when Labour MPs have time to reflect on Mr Hague's words about a "huge climb-down", but he unquestionably won it in the chamber.

# Blair under attack over Lords reform

vesterday accused of "lacking principle" over House of Lords reform when William Hague rejected a deal to keep 100 hereditary peers in exchange for his party's acquiescence in the rest of the Government's "illthought-out" changes.

The Tory leader stunned the Commons during question time when he gave details of the deal and publicly condemned it as a "buge climbdown" by the Gov-

But while Tony Blair admitted that he was prepared to agree to a two-stage removal of hereditary peers, he sought to embarrass Mr Hague by claiming that the deal had already been agreed by Viscount Cranborne, the Conservative Leader in the Lords.

you oppose the deal that has been agreed by the Leader of not demonstrate you never had the Conservative Party in the

"As a result of this, we will indeed remove hereditary peers. We will do it by consensus, stage one and then stage two,

PM QUESTIONS BY SARAH SCHAEFER

Political Reporter

room in the legislative programme for other measures as "We are agreed on our side.

Your party in the House of Lords is now agreed. What is very clear from this exchange is that you no longer speak for the Conservative Party in the House of Lords." During a series of rowdy ex-

changes Mr Hague said that the proposal did not satisfy even the one principle the Prime Minister had said that he favoured removal of the hereditary Mr Hague said: "Ours was

no reform without knowing where it is going. Labour's Mr Blair said: "I take it that was, until today, the removal of the hereditary peers. Does this any principle on this matter at

that Mr Hague's response demonstrated that even when hereditary Conservative peers

pared to agree change, he was

"What is clear is that nowadays with the Conservative Party, even when one speaks to the Leader in the Lords, one can't be sure the Leader of the Conservative Party here is of the same mind."

In reply, Mr Hague said that it was "beyond the Prime Minister's comprehension how any politician can stand on a principle and stand firm in their be-

"What we know is that you intend to turn the House of Lords into a House of Cronies. You are now ready to indulge in any horse trading to get to that end. I stand on the principle that you don't blunder with the constitution until you know where you are going." To Labour laughter, Mr Blair

responded: "I cannot prevent you engaging in what is a mikaze mission on your side.

"All I can say is that even The Prime Minister said your cronies in the House of Lords agree with me that it is so that we can ensure there is in the House of Lords were preget the reform through with the that was pased on "no com-



Tony Blair speaking yesterday in the House of Commons. He was accused of a 'huge climbdown' over House of Lords reform

minimum of difficulty that is in the interests of the country."

Earlier Mr Hague repeatedly made clear that while he welcomed "this huge climbdown", the Tories were not prepared to acquiesce in that change be- are proposing to keep heredicause they were not prepared better to try to get this reform to join forces with Mr Blair on through. If we can manage to major constitutional change your principles now?

prehensive plan or principle." deliver on the party's pledge to remove hereditary peers from tary peers in a stage one reform. Where does that leave

Recalling Mr Blair's promise in on fundamental change to the Royal Commission?" the Queen's Speech debate to Parliament of this country without any idea of where it is leading. We said before and say now: the Lords, he said: "Now you no stage one reform without stage two.

"Doesn't your total lack of principle and horse trading confirm that it is just common "Let me make it clear that sense to put that reform on hold

But Mr Blair replied: "No. What is common sense is to get this thing done with as little fuss and as easily as possible, which we can now do.

"What is fascinating is that you are now disowning the agreement entered into by the Leader of the Conservative

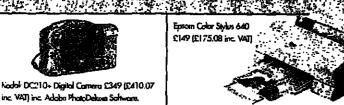
we believe it is wrong to embark and await the report of the Party in the Lords. You may want to be in that position but I doubt very much that your party wants to be.

"All this indicates that when you are actually provided with the means of getting reform through you are more interested in playing games about

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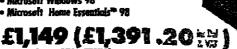
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## MPs hit at 'flawed' closed-lists system

A LABOUR-DOMINATED committee of MPs has attacked the controversial voting system favoured by Tony Blair which would allow people only to support political parties, rather

than individual candidates. Ministers were yesterday embarrassed by the criticism of the all-party Scottish Affairs Select Committee, which also expressed fears about the "potential flaws" in the Government's blueprint for the Scottish Parliament, which opens next year. Seventy-three assembly members will be elected by the first-past-thepost system, topped up with 56 elected by proportional repre-

sentation from party lists. The Government has opted for a "closed list" system under which voters can only support a party. It has also chosen this method for next June's elections to the European Parliament, but the Bill proposing that has been rejected five times by the House of Lords. which wants "open lists" so that people can vote for candidates. Last night the Government rushed the European elections

BY ANDREW GRICE Political Editor

Bill through the Commons in the hope that it can be pushed through the Lords by January. The move provoked fresh criticism by the Tories of "control freakery" by Labour, because the "closed list" system allows parties to decide which candidates have the best chance of winning, as they fix the pecking order on their own lists.

The Scottish MPs' committee declared yesterday: "We



Salmond: Assembly will

feel an open list would be more in keeping with the principle of trusting the people and giving

them the maximum choice." The committee welcomed the creation of the new Scottish assembly, but criticised the Government's approach to constitutional reform. Its report raised fears over the potential for conflict between Westminster and Edin-

burgh and how the disputes could push Scotland towards independence. The report added: "If the Scottish people express a desire for independence, the stage would be set for a direct clash between what is the English doctrine of the sovereigntv of Parliament and the Scottish doctrine of the sovereignt<del>y</del> of the people."

Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, said the Government had run into trouble by being "too grudging" by not devolving enough powers to Scotland. "The Scotlish Parliament can not remain a static body," he said. "Its powers will grow and develop, at a pace dictated by the people of Scotland, not by Westminster."

### Tax credit 'unworkable'

THE GOVERNMENT'S plan to TAX introduce a new tax credit for low-income families, the centrepiece of March's Budget, came under attack yesterday from MPs on the House of Commons social security committee.

The committee's report on the Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) warned of difficulties in implementing the plan.

The MPs also criticised officials for being unable to answer questions about how the tax being considered in areas credit would work in practice. although they welcomed the principle of boosting the rewards of work.

The new credit is due to be introduced in April 2000. The main concern outlined in the report was whether employers, who will have to administer the WFTC through the payroll, will be able to do so on time.

BY DIANE COYLE

Economics Editor

The timetable is made tighter by the Government's failure to decide on details such as how to pay the credit to those with more than one job or to

those who change jobs. "We regret that officials were not more forthcoming in discussing the range of options where no final decision had been made," the report said.

The list of detailed criticisms of the WFTC, which will replace Family Credit as the income top-up for low earners, is all the more significant because business resistance led to the defeat in the House of Lords of a similar proposal by the Conservative government in 1988. This led the Tories to opt for Family Credit, a social security benefit, rather than a tax credit.

Employers' organisations which gave evidence to the social security committee on the WFTC were unanimous in criticising the plan.

They objected to the administrative burden, especially for small companies, and to the need for employers to find out details of employees' personal circumstances.

The committee concluded: "The concerns of employers, coupled with the difficult questions which still have to be resolved, lead us to propose that the Inland Revenue should address with some urgency the practical difficulties of implementation within the current

#### The House



#### Dome dispute

THE ROW over Peter Mandelson's Millennium Dome role grew with a motion saying he misled Parliament in saying he was not involved in negotiating sponsorship for the project.

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#### **Waiting claim**

THE GOVERNMENT'S campaign to reduce hospital waiting lists was making out-patients wait longer to see a consultant, said the Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown.

#### **West murders**

THE MAKERS of a Channel 5 film about the murderer Fred West should be sensitive to the wishes of his victims' families, the Prime Minister said.

#### Today's business IN THE Commons. 2.30pm:

Questions on trade and industry, debate on the European Union. Lords. 3pm: Debate on public service select committee report, report on the drug cannabis,

### **QUESTIONS** AND

## **ANSWERS**

Sanctions hope SANCTIONS IMPOSED on Burundi by neighbouring African nations could be suspended early next year, Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International

#### Development, said. Hotline launch

A 24-HOUR hotline for the homeless being launched by Shelter was warmly welcomed by Tony Blair.

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# 'I can't see anyone who would be a better mayor'

IS TREVOR PHILLIPS the man Tony Blair would like to be London's first elected mayor? The man himself laughs and says he would be interested to know. So would a lot of other people, since this week he came as close to throwing his hat into the ring as it is possible to do without quitting his job and campaigning full time for it.

"I want to be mayor of London," he said. "I think it would be the best job in the world. At the moment I can't see anybody who could do it better than me. But one lives in hope."

But one lives in hope."

Mr Phillips, 45, has been in favour of an elected mayor for the decade and more he has been reporting on London's problems. A former president of the National Union of Students, he became head of current affairs at London Weekend Television from 1988 to 1994 before leaving to start an independent production business. He has a lot of ideas about the capital's

policing and transport.

But he has one problem in trying to win selection as the Labour Party candidate: his two daughters, 11, and 14, attend North London Collegiate, a private school. Yet on this issue, Mr Phillips, instead of muttering an embarrassed plea to change the subject, could hardly be more robust.



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Bernie Grant: A surprise ally on educational choice

When the idea came up, his Indian wife, raised in France where everyone attends the neighbourhood school, was horrified. It was not, be says, a decision "lightly taken" – but the choice was clear.

The designated secondary school in Haringey is White Hart Lane Comprehensive, where he and his sister had been pupils and where the number of children with five GCSE passes in this week's league tables was just 14 per cent. "Just one in seven, so six out of seven did not get to GCSE level."

"And in the year my older daughter would have gone there, 1995, the proportion of children getting five GCSE

passes was 4 per cent."

He was being invited to tell
his children he was sending
them to a place "where I know
you are going to fail".

"This wasn't somewhere where working class children might suffer but middle class ones would do okay. Something was so drastically wrong you are effectively saying to your children I don't care if you fail to fulfil your potential."

There seemed to be two other options. One was to do as his own parents had done, with his mother working in a sweatshop and his father a night-shift and some in the trendy non-political middle class who would like to see London's mayor provide a check on the Prime Minister. He dismisses

By DONALD MACINTYRE

postal worker on £24-per-week, and send his children to Guyana to be educated at

Queen's College, Georgetown.

The second, given that he would "not dream of doing anything else than keep my children with me", was to cast around for the best available option in London, which meant, since he was able to afford it, a

fee-paying school.

"People will say why didn't you find a nice grant-maintained school, move across the borough borders or whatever. I have no particular quarrel with people who do that. But once you say that you can't put your children in your local neighbourhood school, then whatever else you do is irrelevant.

"The thing that upsets me about this is that people raise it about me as if I have committed a crime ... The issue is not whether it makes me into some kind of bloated photocrat but why most London parents are confronted with the situation where they are asked to see their children fail and smile about it."

Nor is he without potential allies, especially as children from black families are more likely to fail in such schools. His old friend and near neighbour Bernie Grant, also educated in Guyana, astonished MPs by supporting Harriet Harman in her crisis over sending her son to a grammar school.

"This goes beyond the old left-right divide. It's really an argument between people who want to confront a real problem and people who want to pretend it doesn't exist and stick to the old slogans.

"I haven't been caught on Clapham Common. No one is questioning my share dealings. I haven't been caught with an actress on a futon. Yet somehow this thing – that I want to do the best for my children, makes me somehow unsuitable for public life. It's just outrageous."

The new mayor will not be directly responsible for state education. But Mr Phillips has thought a lot about it and is confident that he would be able to influence policy.

He strongly approves of measures by David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, to give head teachers better incentives and improve the fabric of London schools, but does not shrink from saying that you need to borrow some of the private sector's management skills.

On transport, Mr Phillips has big ideas for the use of congestion-charging powers to keep cars out of London and even introduce bans.

Above all, he wants to redraw the map of London's Underground and bus network to provide for south of the river – reducing commercial and residential property prices by spreading activity currently concentrated on the north bank of the Thames.

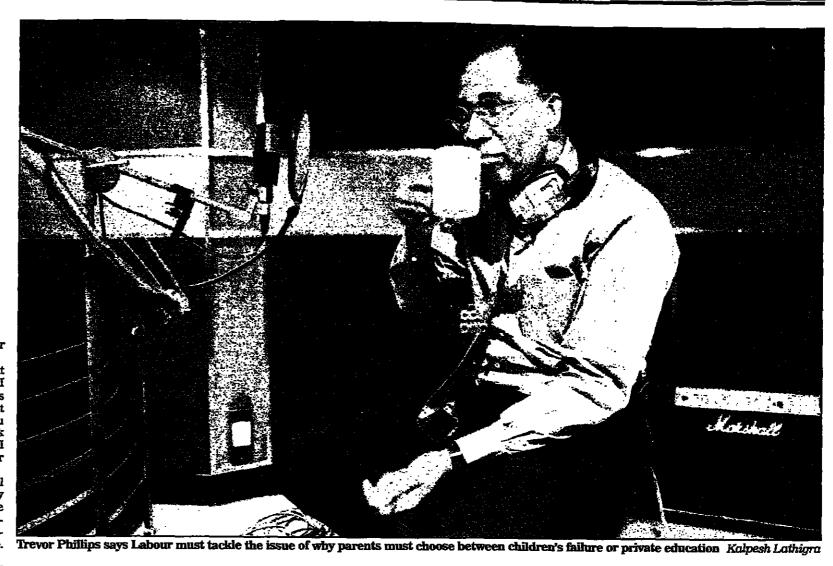
But all this is for another day. He knows that Ken Livingstone, whatever the efforts to exclude him, remains attractive to Labour activists on the left and some in the trendy nonpolitical middle class who would like to see London's mayor provide a check on the Prime Minister He dismisses

any notion he is some "proxy i

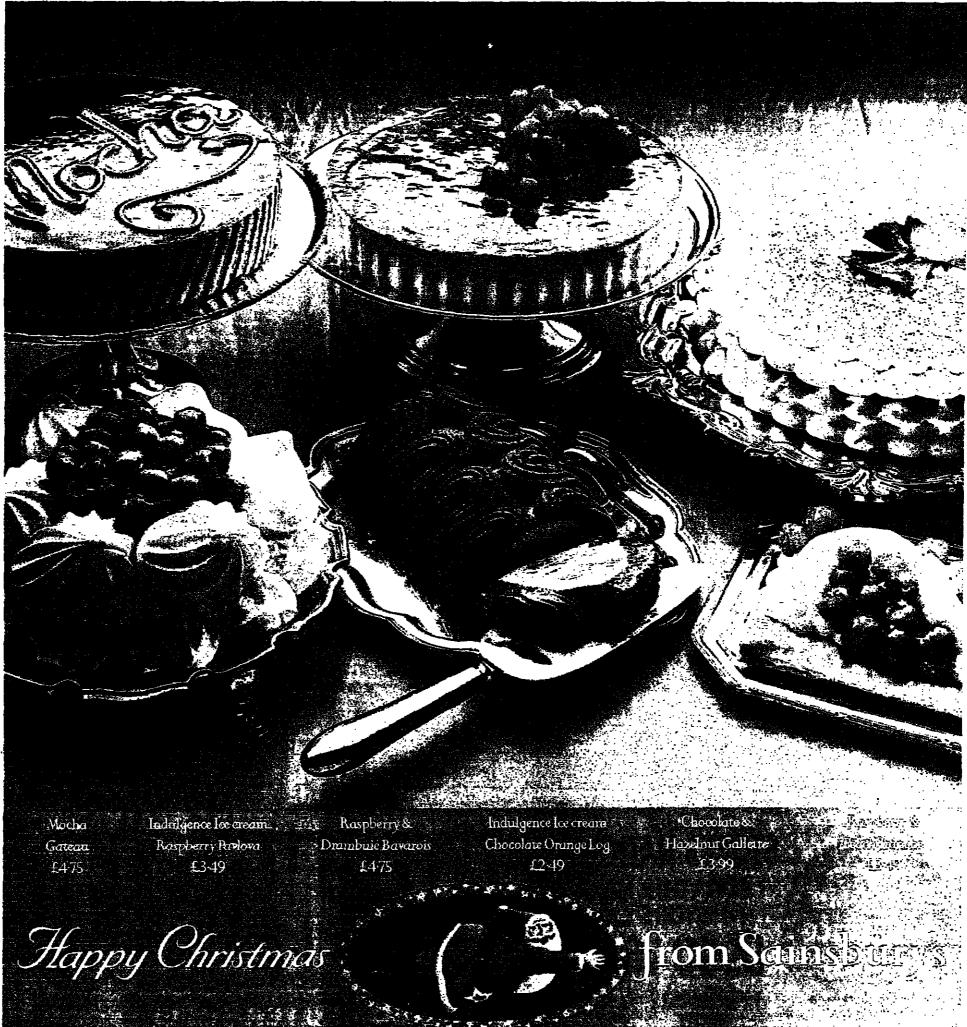
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"Ken can compete on what he believes," he says. "What I would say, as one of Ken's friends and admirers, is that you shouldn't look back. You shouldn't go back. I don't think it would be good for him and I don't think it would be good for London."

Whether Mr Phillips can pull it off remains to be seen. It may depend in part on whether he can break one of the few remaining taboos in late 20th-century Labour Party culture.



Sainsbury's frozen desserts. (Last for ages in the freezer, but not very long outside it.)



#### MILLENNIUM BUG WATCH

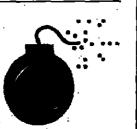
PARTS OF the Inland Revenue could be thrown into chaos unless officials speed up plans to deal with the "Millennium bug", the Government admitted yesterday.

Margaret Beckett, Leader of the House of Commons, conceded that work to rectify computer systems at the tax-raising department was running far too late. A PC network at the Revenue which enables officials to talk to each other about tax-payers' affairs was giving rise to particular concern,

officials said.

Much to the delight of reluctant taxpayers, the deficiency could mean considerable delays in processing

x returns. Other public-sector or-



ganisations causing concern are the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, the Northern Ireland Office and the Medicines Control Agency, which monitors the introduction of new drugs.

In an unusual display of candour, the Government admitted that the agencies had either set unacceptably late deadlines for proofing systems against the bug or had allowed completion

dates to slip.

BARRIE CLEMENT

Law reform: Irvine says it is unacceptable that courts are only for 'very rich or very poor' as shake-up announced

# Justice at last for Middle England

THE LORD Chancellor, Lord By IAN BURRELL Irvine of Lairg, yesterday un- Home Affairs Correspondent veiled the biggest shake-up in British legal services for 50 vears and claimed it would provide "access to justice for middle England".

The Modernising Justice published yesterday, will dismantle the legal aid system, which now costs £1.6bn a year.

Lord Irvine promised an end to a system which only proand the poor.

He said: "Think of the ordicary people of 'middle England' who have no real access to justice because they do not qualify for legal aid but dare not risk the costs of going to law to proof lawyers' bills rules out ordinary people protecting their rights. But it is not acceptable that civil justice is for only the very rich or the very poor."

The White Paper contained fire Queen's Speech last week. Dut major changes were announced to encourage the use of "no win, no fee" cases, which will be extended to cover disputes over the division of matrimonial property.

The Law Society, however, said the conditional fee arrangements were inapprouriate for such cases because

The society also claimed plans to make conditional fees more attractive by allowing years to £793m last year. successful litigants to claim back their insurance premium White Paper, which Lord Irvine and lawyers' "success fee" from the loser, would not help those bringing personal injury

A society spokesman said: "Victims of car accidents who vided justice to the wealthy have suffered severe injuries in circumstances which are not clear-cut will find it very difficult to find a solicitorbecause solicitors will be gambling their money and time."

But Lord Irvine said the changes, which will begin to tect their rights. I know that fear come into effect in April, would help to reduce a "vast un-met legal need in Britain". A new community legal ser-

vice will be set up to give quality advice to those involved in disputes. People will be given few surprises not mentioned in a "funding assessment" suggesting alternatives to expensive court action, such as mediation. They will be advised on whether to approach solicitors for a conditional fee arrangement or to drop their case because it is too weak. The most needy cases will be allocated publicly funded lawyers

on fixed-price contracts. The changes will help to they demanded a winner and a simplify a legal advice system which has grown to 6,000 staff

and 30,000 volunteers working for 2,000 agencies, which receive £150m in grants a year. The cost of civil and family aid has risen by 35 per cent in five

The criminal legal aid system, which cost the taxpayer £733m last year, will be replaced by the Criminal Defence Service. Defendants will be represented by quality-tested lawyers who are given fixedprice contracts by the CDS.

The new service will employ some salaried lawyers, but the Lord Chancellor said they would be there to provide a quality benchmark and were "a million miles" from a US-style public defender system. Heather Hallett, QC, chair-

man of the Bar Counsel, claimed the new arrangements would lead to too much state control. She said: "Lawyers may not be so fearless if they have the state on their shoulder and a financial disincentive against properly preparing their case.

The White Paper also provides for a speeding up of the legal process. There will be only one appeal in civil cases, while criminal defendants will usually appear before magistrates within two days.

Magistrates courts will be allowed to employ private security firms to collect fines. Leading article.

Review, page 3 The Lord Chancellor and Lady Irvine at a ceremony at Glasgow University



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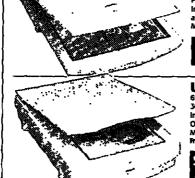
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### 'Sun' takes a shine to the top legal toff DERRY IRVINE, the Lord Chan- By STEVE CRAWSHAW

cellor, has long been in need of an image makeover. Yesterday he emerged transformed as the People's Hero: a Hello!style interview appeared on the day of the publication of the White Paper on legal reform.

The Sun gushed over the man who "aims to bring justice back to the people". There were soft-soap references to his affair with Donald Dewar's exwife Alison (now Lady Irvine).

Lord Irvine declared: "If a marriage breaks down with vould be a very unthinking person if you didn't feel a strong sense of guilt. Time is a great healer and Alison and I have had a very bappy marriage." He explained the absence of his entry: "My Who's Who entry

was six years after my divorce example of a strategy to rehabilitate what The Sun itself called "one of the most reviled men in government ... seen as a blunt, arrogant toff".

He seems likely to remain best known for sneering at DIY wallpaper when defending the fact that his own cost £60,000. or £300 a roll. The overall cost of refurbishing his apartments was £600,000, including £3.000 for a lavatory. For Lord Irvine this was "a noble cause".

He has an uncomfortable habit of seeming to insist he is

his views, including his call for the press to be muzzled on the relationship between Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary: and Gaynor Regan, now the new Mrs Cook. Lord Irvine was accused by officials of "stepping out of line" and was himself muzzled by the minders.

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But now we are seeing a new Lord Irvine. Last month he got rid of his traditional tights. breeches, buckled shoes and wig. "The wig weighs an absomeone who is not at fault, you solute ton." he complained. "It is very uncomfortable

With yesterday's White Paper he hopes to re-emerge as Lord Statesman and Mr Accessible rolled into one. Judging by yesterday's interview he first wife from his Who's Who might succeed. "Face to face, he lacks malice and appears more 👆 like a stern, prickly professor ... "The interview is the latest than a cold, callous, ruthless man," The Sun argued. "The problem is that he says what he thinks and he says it straight. And in these days of po-faced political correctness the bald

truth is often unacceptable." Lord Irvine and the spin-doctors hope he will be rementbered not just as Lord Wallpaper but also for his reforms.

It still seems a daunting challenge, but stranger things have happened.

Perhaps he even deserves it. As an acquaintance said vesright even when everybody else terday: "He has little democdiffers. Certainly Downing ratic sensibility. But he really is Street has sometimes been a liberal, as regards the law less than enthusiastic about and he is a force for good."

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Tobacco study: Female smokers are twice as likely as men to develop inoperable form of the disease

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# Women risk most deadly lung cancer

WOMEN SMOKERS are more likely than men to develop the most serious form of lung cancer, possibly because of the way they smoke cigarettes, according to new research.

The study by the British Thoracic Society (BTS) - the largest British investigation into lung cancer - found that nearly twice as many women as men under the age of 65 are diagnosed with small cell lung cancer, the most dangerous form of the disease.

Seven out of ten of these cases could not be helped by surgery and more than half will be dead within six months of their diagnosis.

The findings reinforced calls by the BTS, the UK's official body of respiratory specialists, for the Government to target teenage girls in its imminent White Paper on tobacco.

The study found that men were more likely to have nonsmall cell lung cancer, which is less damaging to the lung, and nearly half could be considered operable.

Dr Mike Pearson, chairman of the BTS Public Education

By GLENDA COOPER Social Affairs Correspondent

might be more susceptible to small cell lung cancer.

"Our research suggests women have less resistance to the most dangerous kinds of lung cancer," he said. "This may be due to changing patterns of smoking behaviour many women took up the habit a decade after men, who smoked heavily during the econd World War.

"Women may also smoke in a different way to men, for example taking shorter, sharper inhalations, which could have an effect on the kind and severity of cancer that they develop." Action on Smoking and

Health (ASH) claimed that the higher levels of small cell lung cancer among female smokers could be explained by their tendency to take "sharper inhalations" because they smoke

There are probably several factors at work here, but a major suspect is the greater use of light cigarettes by women," said Clive Bates, director of Committee, said there were ASH. "People adjust their women know the greater risks several reasons why women smoking to get a satisfying they're running by smoking."

dose of nicotine, and 'low-tar' smokers draw smoke more deeply into the lungs to get the nicotine they need.

Dr Pearson said: "Smoking among teenage girls is on the increase. It is vitally important that young women know the greater risks they are running by smoking. We must prevent them becoming the lung cancer victims of the future." The Health minister, Tessa

Jowell, said yesterday that the Government wanted to tackle the increasing rate of smoking among teenage girls. "Ten years ago, one in five 15-yearold girls smoked. That figure is now one in three," she said. "Smoking is the single greatest cause of preventable death and there is no safe level at which people can smoke."

Dr Pearson urged the Government to act more quickly to ban tobacco advertising and sponsorship amid signs it could take years for the ban to be implemented. "If you stop smoking, you halve your risk in five years. Waiting seven years, in our view, is longer than is necessary," he said. "It's vital young



Smoking has particular drawbacks for women, according to the largest British investigation into lung cancer

# Total ban on tobacco advertising by 2000

THE ADVERTISING ban on cig- By COLIN BROWN arettes is to be brought forward to the millennium as part of a comprehensive package of mea-

sures to curb smoking in Britain. The decision to bring forward the ban by at least a year will be announced next week in a government White Paper on smoking. Under an European Union directive, advertising of tobacco products on billboards

Chief Political Correspondent

paign to help smokers give up. Family doctors will be given powers to give nicotine gum and nicotine patches to those on low incomes at special clinics.

Nicotine gum and patches will not be put on general prescription, because of ministers' fears over costs. But it is likely that there will be limited moves to en-The Government is also ex- able those on low incomes - who

than the £6 a pack charged over the counter by chemists. There will be no ban on smok-

ing in pubs, bars or restaurants, but more no-smoking areas will be encouraged. The Health and Safety at Work Act will be used to enforce no-smoking bans in the workplace, particularly in small offices, to protect workers from health risks.

The White Paper will mark a dramatic shift in attitude with-

smokers - to get supplies at less towards treatment of smoking as an illness, similar to that of alcohol or drug addiction. Officials said an estimated seven out of ten smokers wanted to give up, if they could get help.

The Medicines Control Agency has also approved the lifting of the ban on selling nicotine gum in corner shops. Now, it can only be sold in pharmacists, but it is likely to be made more widely avail-

able in shops and possibly pubs.

Tessa Jowell, who refused to shops to meet its manifesto disclose details of the White Paper when she was challenged without exemptions. on BBC radio yesterday, is keen to avoid being accused of run-

steered clear of general bans on smoking in public places. Most of the action will be voluntary, and curbs on tobacco advertising will be enforced under EU directives. None of the measures will require primary legislation. The Government will

seek to curb advertising in

commitment to impose a ban There will also be action to

limit the so-called "indirect ning a "nanny state" and has brand stretching" of tobacco products with marketing of fashion goods under the same name, such as Mariboro and Camel But there will be no change in the EU directive plans to ban tobacco sponsorship of sports by 2003 and world events, such as Formula One

Clive Bates, of the antismoking charity Ash, said: "If these reports are true, it will be the first serious broad-based attempt to reverse the toll of unnecessary illness and death since the scientists first warned

of the dangers in the Fifties." The Government will claim the moves put Britain at the leading edge of international efforts to reduce tobacco use. It will form part of a public health strategy to be outlined in a second White Paper next autumn.

### Lasers replace burns surgery

By GLENDA COOPER

NEW LASER technology can "map" the depth of burn wounds, saving thousands of children from unnecessary surgery and scarring, the British Association of Plastic Surgeons (Baps: heard yesterday.

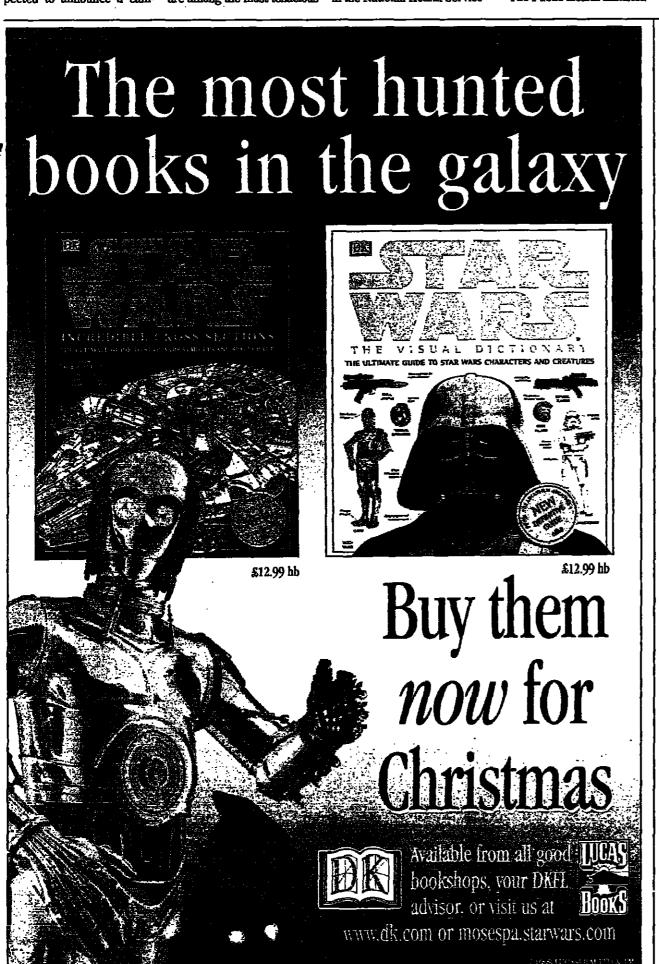
The technique employs a laser-scanning machine to produce a surgical map of the burn wound, providing rapid and accurate measurements of the wound depth by measuring blood flow. Both superficial and deep burns are easy for surgeons to distinguish, but intermediate "deep dermal" burns are not. Accurate assessment can ensure patients are either operated on quickly to reduce scarring, or are not operated on when it is unnecessary.

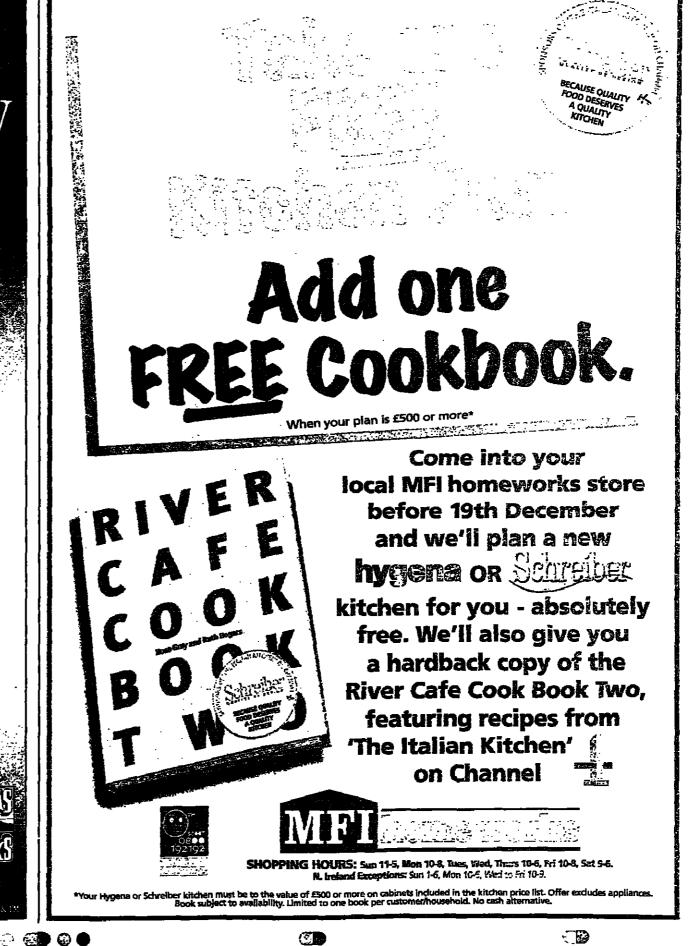
"The problem is estimating the middle group," said Anthony Roberts, consultant plas-tic surgeon at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, speaking at the Baps winter meeting. "Even after 25 years of experience I know I am going to get some wrong - probably about 25 per cent."

The new machine shows up the level of blood flow 1mm to 1.5mm below the surface. Blood flow is high in areas of superficial burns and low in areas of major burns. "We can screen the wound very quickly and map it exactly," said Paul Ban-well. Duke of Kent Research Fellow at Stoke Mandeville.

In a pilot group of 40, the doctors estimate that six children have so far been saved from unnecessary surgery. Every year, around 12,000 people are burned severely enough to warrant hospital treatment. Half of these are children but 90 per cent of them receive "deep dermal" burns, compared with about 30 per cent of adult burns.

There are just two machines, which cost £30,000, in the country at the moment one at Stoke Mandeville and one at Newcastle, but the surgeons said that they would like to see one in every specialist burns unit in the country. "This early work shows that it is a very valuable tool and we should like to see it used throughout the world." said Mr





# When dinosaurs trampled the highways Daily TV

covered vast swaths of rock Science Editor peppered with dinosaur footprints which are providing per square kilometres over them with rare insights into the creatures' behaviour.

Tracks over 100 million years old have been uncovered in at least 600 locations around ed and organised themselves into social groups.

Ichnology - the study of anrenaissance in dinosaur research, according to Martin Lockley, a palaeontologist from the University of Colorado at Denver. Writing in Nature, Dr Lockley says that an explosion in the discovery of fossil footprints is proving to be one of the most valuable sources of information about dinosaurs.

"As recently as 1962, only about 27 dinosaur footprint localities were known worldwide. Now the number is over 300 for the western USA alone."

There are at least three 'dinosaur highways" in America where the densities of tracks average about a million

areas ranging from 1,000 to 10,000 square kilometres.

Dinosaur footprints have been known about for centuries although they were not the world, providing details of recognised as such. A trackway how the animals moved, hunt- in Germany is believed to have inspired the dragon slain by Siegfried in the medieval legend of the Nibelungs; a dicient tracks - has generated a nosaur footprint in Sussex gave Sir Arthur Conan Doyle the idea for The Lost World.

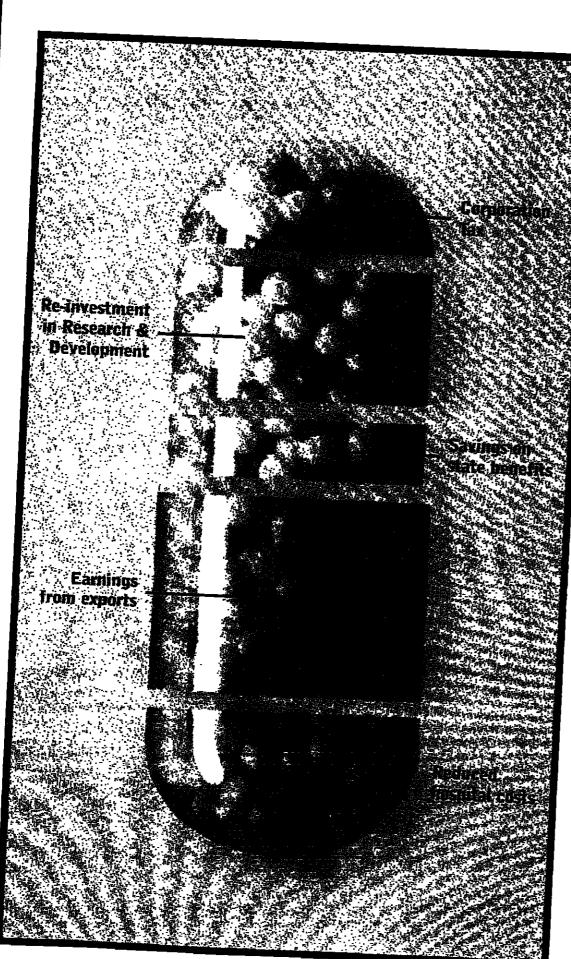
Dr Lockley says that dinosaur highways also show that young dinosaurs were far more common than the fossil skeleton records suggest. In one area of western America. the number of dinosaur tracks found in rocks dating back to Jurassic times is equivalent to the total number of dinosaurs in the world identified from fossilised skeletons, he says.

Measuring the distance between fossil footprints has enabled scientists to study the gait of dinosaurs and estimate



A Bristol University palaeontologist examining dinosaur footprints at Keats Quarry in Dorset

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The benefit of the industry is also felt within the Treasury as pharmaceutical companies in Britain pay hundreds of millions of pounds in Corporation Tax each year.

But perhaps the industry is least known for its investment in education, funding half of all post-graduate training for GPs and supporting universities to the tune of £100 million a year.

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that would fall sick. It would be the country.

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# warning to drink drivers

TOUGH TELEVISION commercials, showing reconstructions of fatal alcohol-related accidents, were unveiled yesterday, as the Government launched its annual Christmas crackdown

on drink-driving. The advertisements use realistic scenes of the aftermath of an accident, showing bloodstained clothes lying on the road, wrecked cars and the sound of police messages talking of fatalities and drivers smelling of drink. The first of the series of 15 commercials was shown last night on ITV as part of a £2m national campaign, aimed particularly at male drivers aged 17 to 24.

The campaign comes as the Government is considering lowering the legal alcohol limit traffic committee of the Assofrom 80mg per 100ml of blood to 50mg, a move supported by road-safety groups and by the medical profession. France, the Netherlands,

Belgium. Greece and Finland already have a 50mg limit. Legal levels in Portugal and Sweden are even lower.

A new approach has been taken this year to the traditional campaign over the Christmas period. Instead of using a single advertisement shown on many occasions, the Government has decided to confront viewers with a drink-drive message in a different form each time they see or hear it. Lord Whitty, the minister for

roads who was at yesterday's launch, said: "The intention ... is to remind the viewer that every day someone dies as a result of a drink-drive accident."

Previous Christmas campaigns aimed at drink-driving have proved a success. Between 1979 and last year, the number of fatal casualties from or rider who was over the legal number of breath tests has been administered in England and Wales, the proportion proving positive has gradually falien from 20 per cent in 1989 to 12 per cent last year. Convictions for alcohol-related driving offences are also falling.

John Reid, the Transport minister, said at yesterday's launch: "This campaign, now a feature of our calendar, remains a vital tool in our efforts to reduce the potentially awful consequences of drink-driving during the festive season.

BY CATHY COMERFORD

Christmas always presents a lot of opportunities for social drinking. There is one simple message - the only way to be certain that you will not kill someone is to never mix drinking and driving."

The Association of British Drivers says the government campaign should also warn of the dangers of driving the morning after an evening drinking session. In an attempt to tackle the

problem, police have warned motorists to expect to be breath-tested in the mornings as well as the evenings during the Christmas period.

The vice-chairman of the ciation of Chief Police Officers.

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Ken Williams, said: "I would remind drivers of the dangers of driving the morning after a major drinking bout.

"Police will be looking for offenders 24 hours a day and not just in the evenings.

The family of three cyclists who were killed by a drunken accidents involving one driver driver five days before Christmas last year is backing the limit fell from 1,643 to around launch of this year's drinkdrive campaign

Bryan Harrison. 38. his brother Alan, 33, and their brother-in-law Don Smith, 49, were killed when they were hit by a Ford Mondeo car on the A193, near Seaton Sluice in Northumberland last year. The driver of the Ford Mon-

deo, Andrew Armstrong, 36, was later jailed for seven years after admitting three charges of causing death by dangerous driving and one of driving with excess

He was also banned from driving for 15 years.

### THE RIGHTS OF EVERY MAN

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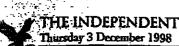
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Shaw's letter, discovered recently in a cupboard

### Shaw's £18,000 thoughts on sex and cake

A LETTER in which George Bernard Shaw said he valued sex "as highly as a piece of plum cake" was purchased yesterday for £18,000 as a gift for a woman who bakes an excellent plum

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The buyer, who wished to remain anonymous, saw the sale advertised on the Internet and decided that the letter would make the perfect gift for his girlfriend's cake-baking mother.

The letter was discovered recently in a cupboard 104 years after Shaw wrote to Laura Ormiston Chant, a social reformer and campaigner against prostitution.

The two struck up a correspondence after he criticised her revelation that prostitutes were soliciting at a theatre in Leicester Square, London,

which had prompted its closure. In his letter of 17 November 1894 Shaw expressed sympathy for prostitutes, saying that he respected their trade "as I am bound to respect that lower depth of prostitution by which I have for so many years earned my own living: to wit,

He said that he would sup-

By Louise Jury

port a prostitutes' trade union and spoke of his high regard for sexual intercourse, condemning Victorian notions of purity

and respectability. "It is because you have idealised a certain line of conduct and branded every departure from it as impurity that the woman in the street must submit to be kicked and cuffed by the policeman," he said.

Revealing that his first affair had turned him into a "dangerous libertine", Shaw said: "I value the physical sensation of sexual intercourse about as highly as I value a piece of plum

The letter was discovered at the family home of a descendant of Mrs Ormiston Chant. She had become a campaigner for social reform that eventually led to the first Children's Act after she realised that as a woman she had no legal rights over her children.

The selling price was originally estimated at £800 to £900 and later increased to £2,000. A spokeswoman for the auctioneers, Bonham's, in London,



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# 'Ice cream' killers must stay in jail

CAMPAIGNERS CALLING for By STEPHEN GOODWIN the release of two men convicted of a series of murders in Glasgow warned yesterday that there would be demonstrations and civil disobedience after Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland, ruled that the pair must stay in jail.

Joseph Steele and Thomas "TC" Campbell were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for the murder of six members of the Doyle family in 1984 in what became known as the "ice-cream war" for control of the city's drugs trade.

The pair protest their innocence and campaigners for the so-called "Glasgow two" last month stormed the Edinburgh office of the Scottish Home Affairs minister. Henry McLeish.

Yesterday there were threats of further demonstrations after Mr Dewar refused permission for a fresh appeal. Agnes Lafferty, Campbell's sister, said her brother was "absolutely gutted" by the decision, "but we will continue to fight

Earlier this year, an attempt at appeal failed and the two men were sent back to prison after 14 months of freedom durScotland Correspondent

ing which Steele had married. But public interest in the case has remained high, fired by the 14-year legal battle and the gang-land background to the killings.

Twenty years ago, criminals realised that ice-cream vans could be a perfect front for drug dealing. Andrew Doyle, 18, was a van driver for the Marchetti brothers, in east Glasgow. Pushed out of two areas, the Marchettis tried to hold firm in their home patch of Garthamlock. Mr Doyle was threatened and shot. Then, on 16 April 1984 someone set fire to his tenement home in the night. He and five other members of his family died.

After a trial at the High Court in Glasgow, Campbell and Steele were convicted of the murders and given life sentences. They have refused to apply for parole, believing that would amount to an admission of guilt.

The families had expected the two men home for Christmas but Mr Dewar judged that there were no fresh arguments to justify referring the case to

Most stores open Sunday

John Carroll, solicitor for the two men, said the next step was to take the case to the Criminal Cases Review Commission, when it is established next April to investigate alleged miscarriages of justice. He said he was "not surprised, but disappointed", by the decision. He is optimistic the commission will recommend the case goes back to the Court of Appeal.

In a bitter reaction, Jim Steele, Joseph Steele's brother, said campaigners would ensure Mr Dewar's "political demise" and were prepared to resort to civil disobedience: "Donald Dewar has acted in a very cowardly fashion. We are determined to intensify this campaign and direct it towards

Co-ordinator of the two men's campaign, Tommy Sheridan of the Scottish Socialist Party, said it was "a very, very sad day for justice in Scotland" and vowed that the high profile demonstrations would continue.

Mr Sheridan led last month's protest when 30 demonstrators occupied Mr McLeish's suite and unfurled banners proclaiming "Innocents imprisoned" from a balcony.

### Lawrence family to give TV Christmas message

THE PARENTS of the mur- By RHYS WILLIAMS Lawrence will deliver this year's alternative Christmas message on Channel 4.

While the Queen speaks on BBC and ITV, Doreen and Neville Lawrence will reflect on a year that saw the conclusion son's death in 1993.

Tim Gardam, director of programmes at Channel 4, said yesterday: "It was one of the major, defining stories of the

would have heard of but for the way they have held themselves through all that has happened. It has given them a kind of

democratic stature. "They will address the case as well as reflecting on the Diana, Princess of Wales, Rory

said that the "quite unexpected" price of £18,000 was the re-

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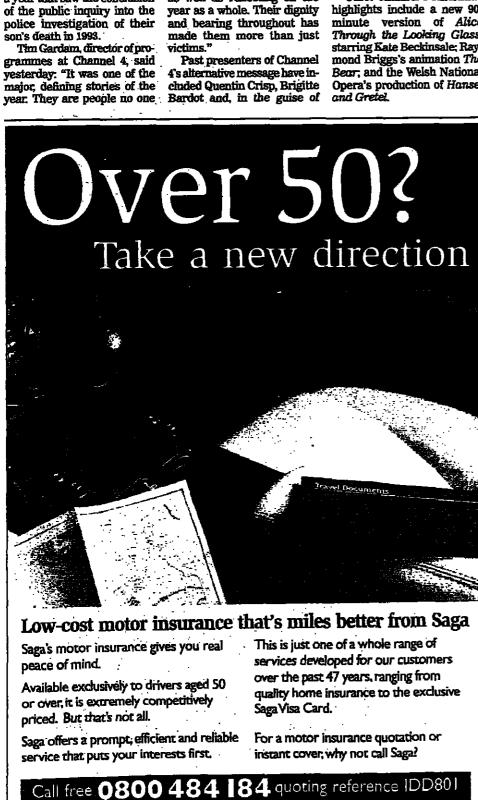
who also wished to remain

anonymous, last month pur-

two potential buyers

Last year, Margaret Gibney, the Belfast schoolgirl who wrote to Tony Blair about her hopes for peace in Northern Ireland, spoke about the peace

Other Channel 4 Christmas highlights include a new 90minute version of Alice Through the Looking Glass, starring Kate Beckinsale; Raymond Briggs's animation The Bear, and the Welsh National Opera's production of Hansel



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# This isn't football, it's war' say Turks

POLICE HELICOPTERS and some 22,000 troops and gendarmes greeted the Juventus football players as they arrived at Istanbul's Ali Sami Yen stadium yesterday for their Champions' League match with Galatasaray, Istanbul's top

Turkey has been in the grip of violent anti-Italian hysteria since Rome refused to band over the Kurdish guerrilla leader Abdullah Ocalan, leader of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), who is regarded by most Turks as a terrorist responsible for the death of at least 30,000 people.

Italian-made goods have been burnt in the streets and there has been an unofficial boycott of trade with Italy. "This isn't football; it's war," said Serdar Gul, an Istanbul taxi-driver. It was a sentiment echoed all over the city.

The match was postponed for a week because of Juventus's fears for their safety in the fevered atmosphere.

The Ali Sami Yen stadium has a reputation in normal times as an intimidating cauldron where visiting teams are greeted with banners announcing "Welcome to Heli". Galatasaray fans at Istanbul airport yesterday threw white lilies before the Juventus bus - a hospitable gesture - but the BY JUSTIN HUGGLER in Istanbul AND FRANCES KENNEDY in Rome

Italian players looked out apprehensively.

Juventus risked the wrath of Uefa by refusing to travel to Istanbul for the requisite overnight stay, and arrived only hours before the match.

They boarded their charter flight at Turin airport with long faces, despite a pep-talk from the coach, Marcello Lippi, urging them to put their worries behind them and concentrate on the game.

"One thing is for certain," Lippi said. "We are not going to end up like the turkey on Thanksgiving Day. I don't know whether we will be able to forget all that is going on around us but we will try to do the right

The Italian Football Federation president, Luciano Nizzola, said that he was "very impressed" with the security precautions Turkey had taken.

"We weren't expecting such a warm reception," he said from the team's hotel on the Bosphorus. The managers of the Turin club have nevertheless supported the players' wish to remain in Turkey for as short a time as possible, just 13 hours, even though this means

a hefty fine. The Juventus chairman, Vittorio Chiusano. said he would be pleased if the match helped ease the tension between Rome and Ankara. "If in the past there had been ping-pong diplomacy, now there will be football diplomacy," he

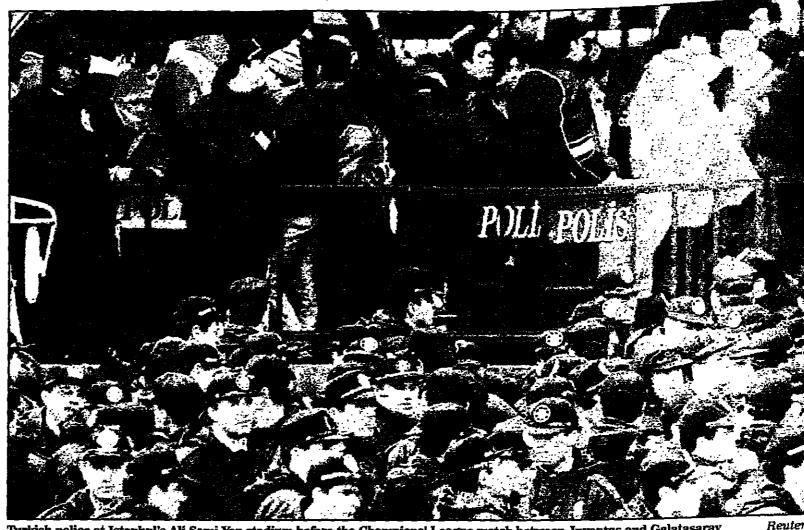
said optimistically. Galatasaray said it was expecting some Italian fans to attend the game, "We've taken every precaution, but there won't be a problem. Football isn't about politics," a spokesman said. At least one Turkish fan agreed. "There's no chance of any problems; the Turkish people are brothers of

"And anyway, it's impossible with this level of security." Aydin Burdek said.

The match coincided with the appointment of Bulent Ecevit as Turkey's new prime minister after his predecessor fell in a corruption scandal.

Mr Ecevit is likely to maintain Turkey's tough stance over

As the Juventus squad arrived in Turkey the Italian parliament was about to begin a debate on the Ocalan case. Italy's Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini, has confirmed that he will meet his Turkish counterpart, Ismail Cem, next Tuesday during a Nato ministerial



Turkish police at Istanbul's Ali Sami Yen stadium before the Champions' League match between Juventus and Galatasaray

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## 'The Fugitive' case re-opened | Serb arrested for war crimes

THE HIGHEST court in the BY MARY DEJEVSKY state of Ohio is allowing Sam Reese Sheppard to sue for the wrongful imprisonment of his father, Dr Sam Sheppard, in the latest instalment of the celebrated Fifties murder case. If he wins, the heir to the man whose story partly inspired the television series, The Fugitive, could win up to \$2m.

Sam Sheppard snr was imprisoned in 1954 for the murder of his wife, but always protested his innocence. The US Supreme Court overturned the guilty verdict 10 years later, in a landmark decision that cited

in Washington

the unfair effect of pretrial publicity. Sheppard was formally acquitted in 1966, with a groundbreaking defense that helped make Sheppard's lawyer, F. Lee Bailey, famous. Sheppard died of liver disease in 1970, but his son has continued the battle to clear his name and now believes that the latest DNA techniques provide the proof. "We won our day in court," said Terry Gilbert, the

younger Sheppard's attorney.

"It's all we've been looking for

the Sheppard family may be in

For the current lawsuit to succeed, Dr Sheppard would have to be found innocent a more definite verdict than the 1966 acquittal required. During his lifetime, he insisted that a "bushy-haired" burglar had beaten his wife to death at their home on Lake Erie and had knocked him unconscious.

The suspect favoured by Sheppard's son is the couple's window-cleaner, Richard Eberling, who was later convicted of another murder. He died in just terribly disappointed."

the last three years. Justice for prison earlier this year, but always said he did not kill Mrs

> The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the lawsuit should proceed on the slenderest - 4-- majority, and state prosecutors may appeal to the US Supreme Court to stop the case going forward. They had argued that too much evidence had been lost since the earlier trials and too many key witnesses had died.

> The Assistant Prosecutor of Cuyahoga County, George Sadd, said of the ruling: "We're



Krstic: Seized by Nato

NATO'S PEACE force in the for- BY MARCUS TANNER mer Yugoslavia arrested a Bosnian Serb general yesterday, in another sign that there will be no relaxation in the campaign to seize and try sus-

pected war criminals. General Radislav Krstic was seized in northern Bosnia and crimes who are still at large will soon be sent to the International War Crimes Tribunal in the Netherlands, Nato said. He is the highest-ranking military figure to be brought before the court since it was set up by the UN Security Council

The arrest is likely to anger

many Bosnian Serbs because Nato forces acted on a "sealed indiciment" - a secret list of war-crime suspects drawn up by the tribunal in The Hague. "Persons indicted for war

should realise that they, too, will be brought to justice." Nato's Secretary General. Javier Solana, said in Brussels. Louise Arbour, the tribunal's

chief prosecutor, described Gen Krstic as "a very significant military leader" and said the indictment related to his key role Scheveningen near The Hague.

in the assault on Srebrenica. The mainly Muslim town in eastern Bosnia was overrun by the Bosnian Serb army; led by Ratko Mladic, in July 1995. Most of the adult male population was slaughtered and the bodies dumped in mass graves.

The tribunal has so far completed four cases. On Monday the trial began of Goran Jelisic. known as "Serbian Adolf" for his alleged atrocities against Muslims and Croats in Breko. in northern Bosnia.

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# S French in court for bird hunting

BY JOHN LICEPTELD

THE EUROPEAN Commission decided yesterday to take France to the European Court for failing to protect migratory birds. It is prosecuting France on two counts of breaching a 1979 directive imposing Europe-wide restrictions on the hunting of birds which migrate across national boundaries.

It follows a decision by the French parliament to allow unters to shoot duck, geese woodcock and snipe for an extra six weeks in summer and an extra month in spring. The law, not yet implemented, would allow French hunters to continue to shoot the protected birds during their autumn

and spring migrations. Paris was already in trouble for failing to implement the directive properly. It was con-demned by the European Court of Justice in 1994.

On the second count, Paris is accused of failing to implement laws banning the shooting of four kinds of seabird regarded as endangered. EU countries can seek an exemption if the birds - three kinds of gull and one type of cormorant -can be proved to be a nuisance but France did not go through these procedures. If the French government is found guilty, it faces fines of up to £10,000 a day



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The European Court has moved to prosecute French hunters who shoot migratory birds

# Kofi Annan in Lockerbie trial mission

KOFI ANNAN, the UN Secre- BY RUPERT CORNWELL tary-General, is expected to meet Muammar Gaddafi this weekend, amid mounting speculation that the Libyan leader is on the verge of handing over two suspects, wanted for the 1988 Lockerbie bombing.

Speaking in Algiers, Mr Annan said he was in contact with the Libyan Government. and "might go" to Libya when he ends a visit to Tunisia.

In fact it is assumed he will go - and, possibly, seal arrangements for Abdel Basset Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah to face trial at a court in The Hague.

With the 10th anniversary of the destruction of PanAm's flight 103 just 18 days away, the Foreign Office is bending over backwards to avoid any im-

pression of a deadline. Only too aware of Mr Gaddafi's proven capacity for stalling, officials in London merely express encouragement at the "serious engagement" of the Libyans in seeking resolution of the issue.

do in Tripoli is unclear. If the end game is at hand,

Exactly what Mr Annan will

firm that, once the suspects had been surrendered, the UN's sanctions against Libya would be lifted.

But during a phone conversation last week with Mr Annan, the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, made it clear that hand, and that by jailing three there could be no negotiation. The ball, Britain insists, is

firmly in the Libyan court. The hope is, as one official put it, "that Annan's going there will be a peg for Gaddafi to make an

are as mysterious as ever. of them the brother-in-law of Mr Years of total deadlock were broken in August when the US and Britain, fearful that UN sanctions aimed at isolating a definitive refusal to deliver the Libya were slowly dying by default, abandoned their long standing insistence that the two men's trial be held in Scotland or America

In return. Tripoli seemed to agree in principle to hand over that the individuals who had the suspects.

Nonetheless, prevarication over the details had continued, before the waters were further muddled last week by

and imprisonment of three senior Libyan security officials, allegedly on the grounds of "dereliction of duty" over the bombing, in which 270 people were killed.

That step was interpreted in some quarters as a sign that the crucial breakthrough was at key witnesses who would otherwise have been called to testify in The Hague, the Libyans were seeking to make it hard. if not impossible, to convict Megrahi and Fhimah.

Other analysts however But the Libyan's intentions maintain that the three - one Gaddafi himself - are so senior that their belated "imprisonment", if such it is, may presage two men accused by the West of actually planting the suitcase bomb which blew the PanAm Jumbo jet apart.

According to this theory, the Libyan president would argue plotted the crime had been punished and justice done, so that no grounds any longer existed for a trial of the mere foot soldiers in Britain's worst ever he would be expected to con-reports from Tripoli of the trial terrorist outrage.

## **Anti-semitic insult** destroys judges' union

A FRENCH magistrates' union yesterday passed an instant death sentence on itself following the publication of an anti-semitic slur in the union journal. Following an extraordinary sequence of events, the head of the union called for the dissolution of the 18-year-old or-

ticle in the magazine of the Association Professionelle des Magistrats (APM), criticising Albert Lévy, a public prosecutor who has been suspended for allegedly leaking details ofsensitive investigations. The article said: "Lévy went back to the oven so many times that he ended up burning himself." Mr Lévy is Jewish.

Possible legal and disciplinary actions have already been launched against the author of mendation that the organisa-

BY JOHN LICHFIELD in Paris

the article, a senior magistrate called Alain Terrail, 65, who is the chief public prosecutor in the highest French appeal court, the Cour de Cassation.

Mr Terrail – a former presiganisation as a mark of contri- dent of the APM - denies any ecuted for his slighting use of The decision follows an ar-current president. Georges Fenech, said a magistrates' union should be above suspicion.

"The APM has signed its own death warrant and has been assassinated by a stroke of the pen," he said yesterday. "The facts are extremely se-

rious. Even if it is unintentional, we have to accept the consequences of it ..."

The national bureau of the union will meet next week to discuss Mr Fenech's recom-

tion should dissolve itself. The use of the word "four", or oven, in French carries highly-emotive connotations of the Holocaust, partly because the word has been used mockingly by Jean-Marie Le Pen, president of the National Front. Mr Le Pen has been successfully pros-

The furore surrounding the article has re-ignited the controversy that followed the arrest and prosecution of Mr Lévy, the deputy public prosecutor of Toulon, one of the five towns in France run by the NF.

Mr Lévy is accused of leaking details of investigations of corruption in the town, involving both the NF and centreright parties.

The decision to take legal action against Mr Lévy was widely interpreted as a political act.

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## Netanyahu brokers deal to stay in power

AFTER TORTUOUS negotia- By PATRICK COCKBURN tions David Levy, the former Israeli foreign minister, is poised to rejoin the government

Mr Netanyahu hopes the return each other. of Mr Levy, who has a small strengthen his government and The Prime Minister knows I hope it will be settled this

Likud and other coalition parties accuse Mr Levy of surrendering West Bank land that they believe is essential to

eign minister at the beginning Mr Levy, 60, originally of the year saying that the achieved prominence in Israeli

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tinians was moving too slowly. of Benjamin Netanyahu, the Since signing the peace ac-Israeli Prime Minister, but it is cord brokered in Wye, Maryunclear what job he will take in land, Mr Netanyahu has lost the government as the price of support on the far right and needs to buttress his coalition step in and stop them, Israeli of-Mr Levy was expected to by adding Mr Levy. There is seek the job of Infrastructure little love lost between the two Minister, but instead said he men, however, and for several opted for the Finance Ministry. years they refused to speak to

An alternative for Mr Nefaction in parliament, will tanyahu is to form a national unity government with the allow him to avoid early elec- Labour party. But he would no alternative. Labour would my choice. I informed him of it. demand a significant share of as the price of its co-operation.

Although Mr Levy says he wants the Finance Ministry, currently held by Yaacov Neeman settle for the Infrastructure Ministry. Both have significant po-Mr Levy resigned as for- litical and financial patronage.

Jews from the Middle East, and is a supporter of a generous social welfare programme. ■ Mr Netanyahu has accused the Palestinians of breaching their interim peace deal and urged President Bill Clinton to

Mr Netanyahu's spokesman David Bar-Illan, said the Israeli leader had written to the American president citing "four major areas of violations" of the

Israeli newspapers quoted sources in Washington as saytions. Mr Levy said last night: probably only do this if he had ing the US administration was worried that Mr Netanyahu was seeking excuses to halt imsenior posts in the government plementation of the deal because of his coalition problems. On Monday, Palestinian officials said continued expansion of Jewish settlements on Israeli-occupied land in the West Bank and Gaza would destroy the peace process. Mr Clinton is due to address

the Palestine National Council in Gaza later this month.

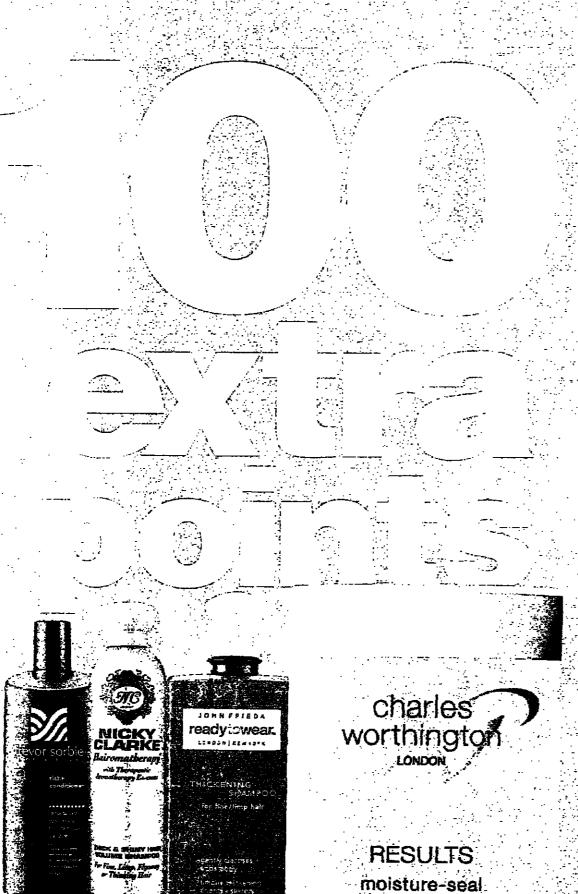


A wounded Palestinian is assisted after Israeli soldiers fired rubber bullets during clashes on the West Bank yesterday. A demonstration by students for the release of Palestinian political prisoners became violent when a mob smashed an Israeli civilian's car

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# Hebrew clue to serial murders

A POOL of drying blood on the BY PATRICK COCKBURN pavement marks where Osama Musa Abu Aisha Natshe bled to death yesterday morning after he was repeatedly stabbed by a masked man police say may be a Jewish serial killer. It is the seventh knife attack on a lone Palestinian walking to work since the end of last year.

"A masked man suddenly jumped out from behind a bus and started stabbing him with

home and shouted for his brothers. They came up, saw him soaked in blood, and called an ambulance." A knife with the Hebrew word for revenge writ-ten on it was reportedly found near the body.

The attacks, all involving the use of a knife, started in late 1997 in Mea Shearim, the ultra-Orthodox district in the centre of Jerusalem.

In May a 52-year-old Palestinian construction worker was the first of those attacked to die after he was stabbed as he walked to work from a Palestinian neighbourhood in east Jerusalem down a street which borders Mea Shearim. Yair Yizhaki, the Jerusalem police commander, said his men were investigating links between yesterday's killing and

Mr Natshe, 41, died in much the same way as the last victim. His neighbours say he worked as a road cleaner for Jerusalem municipality and had six His house is below the level

across the side of a steep hill in the Abu Tor district which is divided between Palestinians and Israelis. In the early dawn Mr Natshe climbed up the steps from his house on his way to work. He was stabbed almost as soon as

he reached street level. Yesterday afternoon, as his funeral was taking place in al-Aqsa mosque, his family built a makeshift shrine to him out of cement blocks, covering the blood stains with boughs from

a pine tree growing near by
A bloody towel and a tablecloth, with which somebody had tried to prevent Mr Natshe bleeding to death, hung on the railings beside the road

Idris Hassan, a neighbour of the murdered man, said: "There has been little trouble in Abu Tor since the intifada [Palestinian uprising], but the raelis or collaborators.

line dividing the city, before the Israelis captured the whole of it in 1967, ran down the centre of the street where Natshe was murdered."

The murder has raised the political temperature in Jerusalem, where it has been rising in recent days because of Palestinian disappointment a knife," said Abdel Raouf that Israel has not released Natshe, the dead man's cousin. more Palestinian prisoners.

"He started back towards At the end of Mr Natshe's funeral vesterday afternoon there was rioting in Salah al-Din street during which Israeli po-lice fired rubber bullets and tear-gas. At the top of the street a lorry which rioters believed was owned by an Israeli company was set ablaze.

There were also riots yesterday north of Jerusalem, near the Palestinian enclave of Ramallah.

The clash began when 150 students from Bir Zeit university belonging to Fatah, the or-ganisation of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian Authority president, staged a march to demand the release of the 3,250 Palestinians held by Israel

At one point they attacked a car with Israeli plates driven by a man wearing a skullcap and with a soldier sitting in the passenger seat.

They hurled stones at the car smashing its windows and hitting the driver in the face. They then seized the M-16 rifle of the soldier and hit him over the head with stones until he ran away, bleeding. Eleven of of the main road, which cuts the rioters were injured by rubber bullets fired later by Israeli soldiers.

Palestinians are incensed by the release of only 150 prisoners, most of whom are petty criminals, under the terms of the Wye accord now being implemented.

Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Mr Arafat, says 1,250 prisoners be-long to the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which is recognised by Israel as representing the Palestinians, and 1,000 to Islamic organisations.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, says that he will not release prisoners who "have blood on their hands".

Bassam Eid, head of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, says only 300 of the Palestinian prisoners were convicted of killing Is-

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# Venezuelan coup leader 'to win poll'

HUGO CHAVEZ tried for Vene- By PHIL DAVISON zuela's highest office once before. That was on 4 February 1992, when, as an army colonel, he launched a coup d'état against the elected government of President Carlos Andres Perez.

The coup attempt failed, 78 people were killed and Colonel z was jailed. But he was paroled after two years and on Sunday he is likely to be elected as president of the South American nation in a democratic vote. It is a prospect that gives businessmen in Venezuela, not to mention investors around the world, the jitters.

Venezuela has the world's largest oil reserves outside the Middle East and a free market economy lauded by the Inrnational Monetary Fund Colonel Chavez, 44, says that has done nothing to ease the poverty endured by half the nation.

He is promising a populist programme that has led his opponents to compare him with both the wartime Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro.

Even his supporters call him "el comandante", the title preferred by Fidel Castro for the past four decades. Many illit-



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his country's foreign debt and to dissolve congress in order to ir values draw up a constitution that he former comrade wins. says will be more beneficial to the poor As a result, the var has been sliding as the wealthy have begun moving their money abroad, mostly to United States, Estate agents in Florida have had a rush in sales and leases of apartments to Venezuelans ready to flee the retired

> colonel's regime. Until recently, the election was billed as a battle between "the Beauty and the Beast". Col Chavez, a retired paratrooper, was considered the latter.

120,000 The beauty was a former Miss Universe, Irene Saez, a  $z_{\rm tot} \sim 2.8 \pm 30$ 36-year-old who was running ahead in the polls until the summer. She had successfully  $\{j_{\alpha}(e), (j_{\alpha}(e))^{\alpha}\}$ served as mayor of a better-off nunicipality in the capital, Caracas, but her high media profile belied a lack of grass roots support around the Arm as Ei  $(\sigma)^{\alpha} = (T_{\alpha})^{\alpha} (T_{\alpha})^{\alpha}$ 

A series of bad campaign

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moves, notably putting herself forward as the candidate for the centre-right Christian Democrat party (known by its acronym Copei), diluted her popularity and Col Chavez surged to the front with a

predicted 50 per cent of votes. In a last-minute effort to keep him from power, both Copei and the country's other traditional big party, the centreleft Democratic Action, united behind a single candidate.

from another planet."

underground."

Both are now pinning their hopes on Henrique Salas Romer, 62, the suave, Yaleeducated businessman and former economics professo best known for his successful tenure as governor of the state of Carabobo. He has pledged to halve the 1.3 million state workers whose salaries are seen as a drain on the budget and to implement a low-interes credit programme for small

In the latest polls, Mr Salas is trailing Col Chavez by 12 points, with a predicted 38 per cent of the vote. Ms Saez, who said she would run as an independent after being pushed aside by Copei, looks like receiving only a single-figure

Reacting to the name of Col Chavez's coalition, the Patriotic Pole, his opponents have billed themselves the Democratic Pole but Ms Saez said the new name merely polarises the nation further. "We are all democratic and we are all patriotic," she said at a campaign rally in Caracas. "We are all one

Well aware that his best chance is to scare voters away from his main opponent, Mr Salas upped the aute yesterday when he labelled Col Chavez "a monster, a coward and a potential dictator".

His comments not only heated up the campaign but Among his plans: to declare poured fuel on rumours that the angerance a temporary moratorium on armed forces, fearing a Castrostyle populist regime, might launch a coup d'état if their

> The man Col Chavez tried to overthrow in 1992, the then Venezuelan currency, the boli- President Perez, this week warned of a "violent rupture of the constitutional order" if Col Chavez wins.

> > within sight of a possible coup d'état," he said. As it turned out, it was not

Col Chavez who overthrew Mr Perez ~ widely known in Venezuela as "Cap" from his initials - but corruption charges. The former president was jailed in 1993 until recently. The man elected to succeed Mr Perez - current President Rafael Caldera - pardoned Col Chavez in 1994 after he had spent two years in jail for his coup attempt.

"Go ahead, call me a coup leader," Col Chavez yelled at a recent campaign rally. "Raise your hands if you think the coup was justified." The thousands present did so. His support shows disillusionment with the

#### IN BRIEF

Partisans face war-crime charges FINLAND IS considering bringing war crimes charges

against former Soviet partisans for killing Finnish civilians during the Second World War, the state prosecutor, Christer Lundstrom, said. New investigations centre on Soviet attacks on Finnish villages in which 100 to 300 died.

Rembrandt painting 'a fake'

A PAINTING that has hung for years in the Hague's Maurifshuis museum, Self-portrait with Gorget, by the Dutch master Rembrandt, was declared a copy yesterday. Experts questioned the authenticity as there is a near-identical version in Nuremburg, Germany.

Synagogue to become shops

JOHANNESBURG'S MAIN synagogue may soon become a shopping centre after being put up for sale. The Great Synagogue, once the home of the country's Chief Rabbi, has been closed to worship for some time, owing to white emigration from the centre of the South African city.

Pope welcomes Cuban Christmas

THE VATICAN voiced pleasure that Cuba has decided to make Christmas a permanent holiday. Fidel Castro's govenment granted a Christmas holiday last year as a favour to the Pape, who visited in January. But this week the ruling Communist Party re-established the custom of a Christmas holiday, which was abolished in 1969.

Thief made to eat whole bird dies

A THIEF who stole a chicken in the central African state of Cameroon died after an enraged mob forced him to eat the entire bird, including feathers, bones and beak. The man Went to a police station where he collapsed and died.

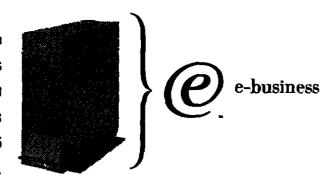


Former coup leader Hugo Chavez whose populous appeal is expected to swing Venezuelan presidential elections on Sunday AP/Jose Coruci

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# Chauffeur 'was Anwar's sex slave'

IN THE most riveting testimony to date in the dramatic trial in Kuala Lumpur of the jailed politician Anwar Ibrahim, his wife's former driver testified yesterday that he had been Mr Anwar's "homosexual slave".

Azizan Abu Bakar told the court that everything he said in a sworn statement made on 5 August 1997 - when Anwar was still deputy prime minister and predominantly Muslim country. finance minister - was true.

read from the statement. In the name of Allah... I have become a victim of homosexual acts by mony. During the hunch break he hugged his daughter while his wife looked on solemnly. Anwar Ibrahim, who now holds the position of deputy prime abuse of office, and will face trial minister," he read to a stunned courtroom. "This heinous act was committed several times in 1992 against my will. It regularly took place in luxury hotels... without the knowledge of the public and his wife."

Mr Azizan was the driver for Mr Anwar's wife, Azizah Ismail, from 1989 to 1992. He is now a sales executive in a trading company. "I had on several occasions tried to resist," Mr Azizan continued, "His chronic behaviour caused me great

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guilt finally overcame me izah, who had such high moral character. Finally, I made the decision to stop from becoming a homosexual slave to this man, Anwar Ibrahim, whom I regard as an animal."

Sodomy is a crime in this Mr Anwar showed no reac-Mr Azizan, 38, was asked to tion during the graphic testi-

He faces four counts of later for one more charge of corruption and five counts of illegal sexual acts. He denies the charges, calling them part of a high-level conspiracy. The Prime Minister, Ma-

hathir Mohamad, fired Mr Anwar on 2 September, saying he had conducted his own in vestigation and had determined Mr Anwar was morally unfit for

Earlier witnesses for the prosecution - high-level police and intelligence officers - tes-tified that Mr Anwar abused his power by forcing police to get a retraction from Mr Azizan. Although Mr Anwar secured

whenever I had to gaze on Az- a retraction, which was forwarded to Mr Mahathir, Mr Azizan testified yesterday that he stood by his original statement. Earlier in the day, the court

proceedings came to a temporary halt when the judge, Augustine Paul, turned his attention to a second defence lawyer who accused prosecutors of fabricating evidence against Mr Anwar. Manieet Singh Dhillon.

charged with contempt of court, represents Mr Anwar's former tennis partner, Nallakaruppan Solaimalai. Nalla, as he is called, is charged with possession of ammunition, which carries a death sentence. On Monday, a warrant was

issued by the court for Mr Manjeet Singh after he wrote a lettrying to force Nalla into a plea bargain by giving false evidence against Mr Anwar about alleged sexual trysts. Mr Manjeet Singh quickly apologised yesterday. Mr Paul accepted the apology and resumed the trial.



Anwar Ibrahim leaving court, after it was alleged that he had 'enslaved' his wife's driver

# China hints at harsh dealing with dissident leader

CHINA'S ROUND-UP of dissi- BY STEPHEN VINES dents this week, including Xu Wen li, one of the most famous opposition figures still living in the country, has come within less than a month of its much publicised decision to sign a United Nations convention on

civil and political rights. In a letter signed by 191 pro-democracy campaigners, supporters of nine dissidents detained this week accused the authorities of "hypocrisy" for holding members of the Chinese Democratic Party, which has been trying to ment China is not yet subject opposition political party suggest

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register itself as a legal organisation. The UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which China signed, guarantees freedom of are demanding the release of Mr assembly and speech. The subsequent arrests of 11 Democratic Party leaders - two were quickly released - suggests that the authorities are not prepared to fulfil its requirements. Although there was much fanfare about the signing of the docu-

stipulated in the UN convention. The arrests prompted two

student leaders of the 1989 Tianammen Square democracy movement to begin a 48-hour hunger strike yesterday. They Xu and two other party leaders, Qin Yongmin and Wang Youcai.

Seventeen other activists said they would join an organised fast. The tactic of hunger strikes was widely used during the 1989 protests. Its revival and the attempts to seek recognition for a

to the international monitoring a new mood of defiance among the dissident community.

Mr Xu, 55, is a veteran of the China 1978-79 Democracy Wall movement, which marks the brief era when public criticism of the regime was tolerated. However, the spirit of tolerance was limited and Mr Xu spent a decade in jail for his participation. He now chairs cells of the new party in Peking and

the nearby city of Tianjin. Yesterday, the government indicated that it intended to deal harshly with him. A Foreign Ministry statement said he was

"suspected of activities which have harmed national security and his acts have violated relevant criminal codes of the People's Republic of China". The death penalty can be invoked for breaches of national security.

The ministry also took strong exception to criticism of the arrests by the United States. "This is an internal matter and other nations should not interfere," it said. James Rubin, the US State Department spokesman had described Mr Xu's arrest as as a "serious step in the wrong di-

rection". He said the dissident was "peacefully exercising fundamental freedoms guaranteed by international human

rights instruments". Yesterday came the first acknowledgement by the Chinese authorities that the arrests had been made. The government appears to be taking the threat posed by this party seriously. Alparty seems to have members stroyed by the 1989 crackdown. nist Party.

In an interview published in Hong Kong on Tuesday, Li Peng, the former premier held largely responsible for the post-Tiananmen Square purge, said China had no need of

Western-style democracy. Mr Li is now the chairman of the National People's Congress. In a clear reference to the Democratic Party, he said though small in number, the the authorities would not tolerate the existence of an orthroughout the country and an ganisation advocating the organisational ability which was creation of a multi-party system thought to have been largely de- and undermining the Commu-

### N Korea 'set for missile

BY RICHARD LLOYD PARKY

THREE MONTHS after causing consternation throughout Asia by launching a rocket over Japan, North Korea is on the verge of test-firing another longrange ballistic missile, according to Japanese reports.

Officials quoted in yesterday's Yomiuri Shimbun said North Korea has been transferring what are believed to be missile components from storage to a launch site. The observations were reportedly made by American satellites. The paper said similar movements were detected in summer, before the launching of the North Korean rocket over northern Japan. Pyongyang said it was to put a satellite into orbit but suspicions remain that it was a new missile. able to hit targets throughout Japan and even in Alaska.

Japan only learnt about the first missile from the US military after it landed in the Pacific Japan's Defence Agency latea-said it intended launching its own spy satellites as an independent safeguard against similar incursions. The report, which was not independently confirmed, may have much to do with the need of the Japanese defence establishment to maintain public concern about the North Korean threat. Since the incident there have been signs of a hardening of attitudes towards North Korea. Since the election as president of the former dissident Kim Dae Jung, South Korea has adopted a "sunshine policy" towards its fraternal enemy. But in Washington and Tokyo there is sense of exasperation at

North Korea is cited as the main justification for the 100,000 US servicemen stationed in Asia. North Korea is frequently accused by the US of selling missile technology to other "rogue" states, including Iran, Syria and Pakistan. Yesterday the Yomiuri said "observers from the Middle East" were suspected of having entered North Korea for the rocket launch. It quoted Japanese officials as saying North Korea may notify Tokyo in a: vance, but that there is little hope the launch will be postponed.



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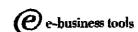
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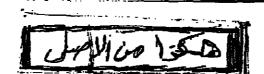
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### Bullets and bugles 'over-the-fence'

YOU CAN tell the border is approaching when the ratio of approaching when the ratio of uniforms per square hundred metres increases rapidly On the outskirts of Lahore there are only occasional checkposts manned by uninterested-looking paramilitaries. Soon, although the milestones show the border is 10 miles away, combat-suited soldiers appear at everdecreasing intervals among the tall trees lining the road.

Beyond the trees the broad fields of the Punjab stretch sway in the late afternoon haze. It is a vision that recalls all the Western cliches about the Ori-ः ः क्रुप्टा – bullocks sway along the terge, driven by thin, old men in ragged, stained linen dhotis; women walk along the banks of - . . . irrigation channels with terracotta pots on their heads.

wagah, the border station. iooks incongruous in the wide, - flat landscape. Beyond a - scruffy bus stop and the bungalow offices of the customs men, a broad road runs for 250 metres towards a green-and-:- white painted gate, a large red arch – and then India.

tant city of Lahore, was setting.

**FRONTLINE** 

Throughout the huge unbroken sky, small clouds were picked out in pink. It was time for one of the most extraordinary, but somehow saddening, rituals of the sub-continent - the flag ceremony at the only open point on the 1,800-mile border between India and Pakistan

For 50-odd years - barring the occasional war - soldiers of the two countries have ceremonially raised and then lowered their respective flags at dawn and at dusk. Twice a day, like two neighbours in an over-the-fence feud, they glare at each other over their gates before taking part in a bizarre ritual resembling an It's a Knock-Out competition, in which points are awarded to the faster marchers, loudest green shirts and olive trousers shouters and most flambovant

On all but the latter count the Pakistanis appear to be winning - much to the enjoyment of the hundred or so on-At 5pm the red sun, swollen lookers, all men, who had driven out from Lahore to watch the show. Every yelled

command was greeted by shouts and every stamped foot with cheers and applause.

"We are here to feel strong about Pakistan," said Mansoor Ahmed, a 30-year-old shopkeeper, who was crushed against me in the crowd. His face glowed with nationalist pride. "Can you not feel the spirit?" he asked. Mr Ahmed's friends obviously felt it - they shouted so hard they spat on the people in front.

The uniforms grew more extravagant as the ceremony progressed. First, policemen in khaki shirts and ill-fitting black trousers shepherded us into pens with their bamboo staves. But soon the regular army soldiers took over. They wore peaand arrived in an eggshellblue jeep giving them a pleasantly co-ordinated pastel look which their sub-machine guns did nothing to spoil.

They gave way to magnificent looking men from the Punjab Rangers, fabulously decked out in pressed black shakearkameez (the traditional Pakiser suits), thick red sashes, striped neck scarves, and gold domed hats wrapped in black cloth sprouting into foot-high fans.

But, despite close competition from a troop of bagpipers with white tunics, scarlet plaid capes and gold epaulettes, the Indian buglers won with their combination of khaki fatigues, white puttees and fantastic red and gold-crested caps.

istani and Indian citizens. The two great nations, separated at birth when they gained their independence from the British in 1947, have a tradition of enmity that can seem neurotic to outsiders. They have fought three wars and held dozens of rounds of talks aimed at improving relations. The most recent ended earlier this month with absolutely no progress. A hundred or so miles north of Wagah, in Kashmir, Indian and Pakistani troops routinely lob shells at each other and at any villagers who get in the way.

On the Siachen glacier, at altitudes of over 7,300m, soldiers are fighting, and dying. A proposed bus link between Delhi in blow the 'Last Post'." India and Lahore in Pakistan

has been held up by bureau cratic tussles; trade between the neighbours is minuscule. After the ceremony, we

found a small group of south Asian peaceniks drinking tea. They were delegates from the "India-Pakistan People's Forum for Peace and Democracy". a group of well-meaning intellectuals who gather every year or so to discuss ways of bringing the two countries closer The border is closed to Paktogether. This year the con-

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ference was in the western Pakistani city of Peshawar. "There is so much commonality between us." said Ratti Bartholomew, a theatre director from Delhi, "Not on a government level but on a person-toperson level. Ordinary people don't feel any real enmity. It is just at a state-to-state level that things go wrong." We laughed over how well

the two nations' troops had coordinated the timing of their flag-striking and bugle-blowing. "It is so ironic," Mrs Bartholomew said. "After more than 50 years of independence the only thing we seem to be able to co-operate on is when to **JASON BURKE** 

# Hindu zealots raid Muslim sacred shrine

HINDU NATIONALISTS are threatening to re-enact the events of six years ago when a mosque in the north-Indian state of Uttar Pradesh was demolished by a Hindu mob.

Today, at a shrine in the south-western state of Karnataka, near the town of Chikmagalur, the same forces are expected to attempt a re-run of the events which provoked a communal bloodbath in which hundreds died.

Six years ago on Sunday, Hindu nationalists tore down the Babri Masjid mosque in Ayodhya. It stood, they claimed, on the ruins of a Hindu temple marking the birthplace of the Hindu god Ram.

The site where the second action is threatened, known as Baba Budan Giri, is a religious hill town 170 miles from the state capital of Bangalore.

Baba Budan Giri is revered by Hindus and Muslims. It contains a Muslim shrine to the 18th-century mystic Sufi saint. Baba Budan, and a Hindu holy cave of Saint Datthathreya is located next to it.

Hindu leaders said they were not opposed to worship by Muslims at what they saw as their shrine but only sought to draw attention to alleged acts of sacrilege near the holy cave.

We are only against the desecration of our shrine and are not against worship by both communities side by side," said

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JS Subba Rao of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, one of the Hindu groups involved.

About 4,000 Hindus are taking part in processions from different parts of the state to culminate in Baba Bu<u>dan</u> Giri. Today is the birthday of Saint Datthathreya and five "roth vatras", or Hindu processions. will converge on the shrine with the goal, according to organisers, of "liberating it from Mus-

In anticipation of trouble, 22 platoons of police reserves have been dispatched to the site, barricades have been thrown up to limit the number of people who can approach the shrine at one time to 15, and closed-circuit television has been installed.

The site was peaceful yes-

terday, with only a handful of Hindu activists chanting slo-

The authorities are, however, braced for violence today.

When Ayodhya's mosque was demolished, the man heading the yatra which sparked the action was a Hindu nationalist named Lal Krishna Advani. Today, Mr Advani is Minister for Home Affairs in the nationalist BJP party-led government.

Since he and his party gained office eight months ago. the plans to build a vast Hindu temple at Ayodhya have been finalised, and work on the elaborately carved stones is now far advanced. The organisers insist that building will go ahead whether the Supreme Court now considering the controversy - gives them permission

Today the Ayodhya site is like a war zone, with massed watchtowers and barricades and throngs of soldiers. The Karnataka authorities are deeply alarmed that the Chikmagalur shrine could go the same way.

But a Hindu spokesman said: "Our aim is not to have any confrontation. We recognise it as a place of both Sufi and Hindu saints, and want that it should be a fine example of how two communities can co-exist."

Fine words; but the sort of co-existence envisaged at Ayodhva has one community firmly beneath the other's heel.

#### Lesbian film forced off screens

A LOW-BUDGET art movie which dares to broach the subject of lesbian love - a topic so taboo that there is no word for it in any Indian language - has been forced off the screens in cinemas across Bombay.

Dozens of supporters of Shiv which began in Bombay's slums, invaded two cinemas

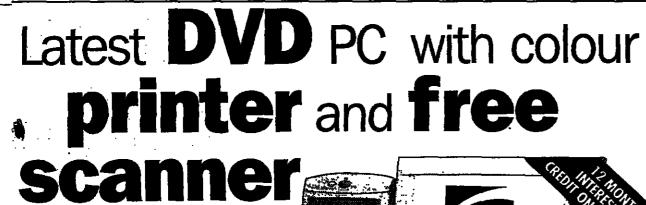
yesterday, surrounding the managers and demanding that Fire in Bombay be pulled. The protesters claimed that

the film, which depicts how a lesbian relationship flowers Sena, the right-wing party amid the lies and repressions of a conventional Indian fami-

The film's distributor, Shringar Films, suspended screenings citing concern for audience safety.

Shiv Sena, implicated in brutal attacks on Muslims in the past, are well-known for their violent tactics. "We will wait and watch,"

said Balkrishna Shroff, one of ly, "distorts" Indian culture. the owners of Shringar Films.



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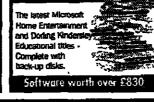
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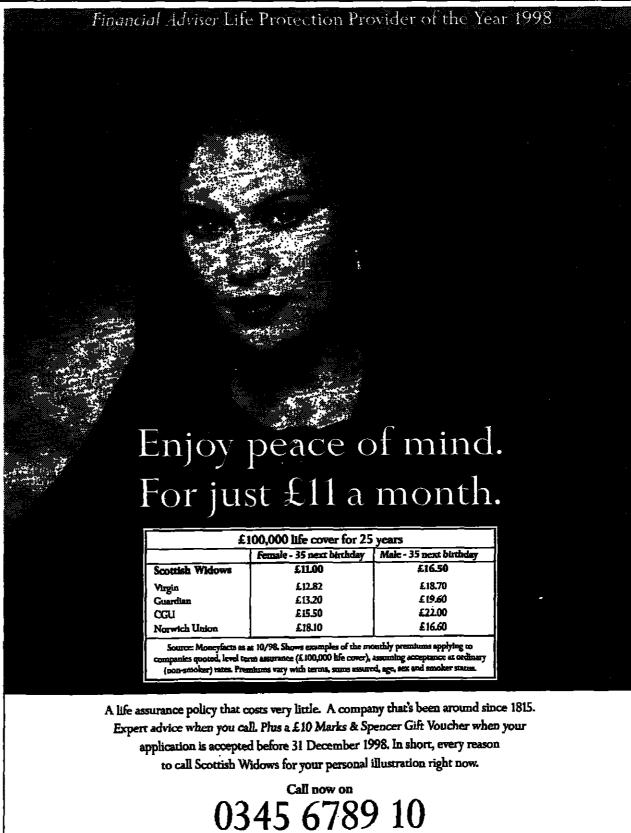


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# BUSINESS

#### **BRIEFING**

#### **G7** ministers to meet in February

FINANCE MINISTERS and central bankers from the Group of Seven leading industrial countries will meet in Bonn on 20 February, it was announced yesterday.

Reform of the international financial system in the wake of the crises of the past 12 months will be high on the agenda. German officials are drawing up proposals that build on the G7 announcement in October of a new line of credit for countries in danger of teetering into crisis. Other reforms are also likely, including the strengthening of the International Monetary Fund's "interim" or management

#### **BCCI** depositors fly in



AROUND 250 depositors representing \$2bn lost when BCCI went bust in 1991 (pictured) have flown in to London for today's annual meeting of the BCCI Depositors' Protection Association.

They will meet at the offices of Deloitte & Touche, the UK-based liquidators, while the bank's co-liquidators from the Cayman Islands and Luxembourg will also be present. BCCI's operations in more than 60 countries were closed by regulators after years of fraud, which left creditors nursing losses of over \$10bn. The liquidators have paid back 46 per cent to creditors so far, and today's meeting will discuss the possibility of

#### Deutsche Bank's £360m buy

FOLLOWING ITS \$10bn takeover of Bankers Trust on Monday. Germany's Deutsche Bank yesterday bought Credit Lyonnais Belgium for Dm1bn (£360m).

The bank is Belgium's sixth largest bank. Credit Lyonnais, which was the subject of one of the biggest government bail-outs of recent history, is being forced by the European Commission to divest its non-French activities. Deutsche already has sizeable retail operations in both Italy and Spain and is on the hunt for suitable

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Arcadia, the retailer that includes Burton, Principles and Top Shop, blames a downturn in consumer spending for its profit warning Tom Craig

# High street jitters as Christmas looks bleak

BRITAIN'S HIGH street retailers BY NIGEL COPE looked set for an increasingly nervous Christmas yesterday after a string of downbeat announcements pointed to weakening consumer spending.

Arcadia, the clothing retailer that includes Burton Menswear, Principles and Top Shop, led the way with a shock profits warning which knocked 26 per cent from the company's share price. Separately, Allied Carpets

said its already weak sales had fallen further and that trading patterns were unpredictable. Hornby, the model railway and Scalextric group, also issued a profits warning and said ner-

on orders due to fears of poor Christmas demand. The catalogue of woe sent retail stocks tumbling. While ArAssociate City Editor

rival retailers such as Debenhams, Next, Sears and Oasis to re-build their credibility after Stores also suffered sharp share

Arcadia said its sales in the first half of its financial year had fallen short of expectations and that the outlook for the rest of the period was not as encouraging as previously anticipated. It blamed a "sharp downturn" in consumer spending and an exceptional level of competition which had led to an increase in

discounting. Consequently, in the first 13 vous retailers were holding back weeks of Arcadia's first half. group sales were up by just 0.4 per cent while sales densities

were down by 1.8 per cent. cadia shares fell 75.5p to 212.5p, gered City analysts who such as New Look.

claimed the company had said trading was in line only six

"It will take a while for them this," one analyst said. Brokers were forced to cut profit forecasts sharply, with BT Alex Brown and HSBC James Capel reducing their full-year expectations to £60m from £90m and

£80m respectively. Arcadia's warning follows a string of grim statements from Britain's retailers as the fear of recession gathers pace.

Marks & Spencer announced a 23 per cent fall in profits last month and described the clothing market as a "bloodbath". Since then there has also been bad news from Storehouse. which owns Bhs and Mother-The Arcadia warning an- care, and other fashion groups

John Hoerner, Arcadia's chief executive, said: "You never know for sure how Christmas selling is going to come, and different patterns have occurred in

rent trend of the start of the season, it certainly isn't good news." Mr Hoerner added that the downturn had not only hit its high street chains but also its home-shopping joint venture with Littlewoods, mail-order brands Hawkshead and Racing Green, and catalogues linked to

recent years. but with the cur-

the Evans and Principles

profits from £973,000 to £425,000. think there is going to be a re- interest.

cession. That has had an impact on suppliers."

The problem has been exaggerated by retailers keeping a tight control on stock and delaying regular christmas orders. In an effort to control costs, Hornby will be moving almost all of its model railway production to China next year.

Allied Carpets said underlying sales in the first 22 weeks were down by 8.2 per cent compared to the 7.5 per cent fall announced just five weeks ago.

The details were included in a circular sent to shareholders Meanwhile Hornby. the relating to the sale of its Cartrains and Scalextric group, re-petland stores to the rival Carpetright group. Allied Carpets has been the subject of bid Peter Newey, Hornby's chair- speculation with Carpetright man, said: "A lot of consumers and Alchemy Partners, the venare very nervous, and retailers ture capital group, expressing

### Greene King may join bid battle for Marston

BY NIGEL COPE

GREENE KING, the Suffolk brewer best known for its Abbott Ale, is considering entering the bid battle for Marston. Thompson & Evershed, the regional brewer fighting a £262m hostile bid from Wolverhampton & Dudley.

Greene King, which reported a 7 per cent increase in first-half profits yesterday, could emerge as a "White Knight" after Marston's emergency general meeting on 9 December where shareholders will vote on the planned £137.5m securitisation/ of its tenanted pub estate.

Greene King's chief executive Tim Bridge would not be drawn on the subject yesterday: "We're fully aware of what is going on. Beyond that I can't comment."

But it is understood that Greene King's management is conscious that adding Marston's predominantly Midlands estate to its own southern-dominated portfolio would increase the geographic coverage of both groups more than a Wolves deal Marston said that it is "open to strategic opportunities" and the company has impressed the City with the integration of the Magic Pub Company group. acquired in 1996.

The possibility of a bid battle emerged as Marstons raised the stakes in its bid defence by offering more cash to shareholders. It said shareholders will receive £110m via a share buyback, up from the £60m previously announced.

The buy-back, which is equivalent to 110p per share. will be funded from the £137.5m to be received from the sale of its tenanted pub estate. The cash is conditional on the securitisation going through. Marston plans to use the remainder of the proceeds to invest in developing its managed estate, which includes the trendy Pitcher & Piano bars.

The raising of the buy-back was criticised by Wolves, which accused Marstons of "an inconsistent strategy". The Wolves offer is pitched at 280p per share. Yesterday Marston shares closed 0.5p higher at 297p. Wolves shares closed 2p higher at 427.5p.

### Marley rescued by £364m Belgian bid

MARLEY, the building materials By ANDREW VERITY group facing a £283m break-up bid, looked set to be rescued yesterday when Etex, a Belgian rival, launched a £364.8m cash

bid for the company. Mariev recommended that shareholders accept the 125p-ashare offer, which represents a 60 per cent premium to its share price a week ago, as Etex went

cent stake in the company. David Trapnell, chief executive of Marley, yesterday insisted Etex had approached Marley about the deal "weeks before" the hostile bid last week from John Mansfield, the small timber merchant being used as a takeover vehicle.

"We have known this group [Etex] for a long time and there has been a close link over the years. We have been talking and in the last few weeks we have taken that talk a stage forward," Mr Trapnell said.

Mr Trapnell said Etex had assured him it would keep the group intact "for the time being'

Mr Trapnell and Chris Beenham, the finance director and the only other executive director, will leave after staying "a few months" to oversee the into the market to buy a 20 per integration with Etex. Etex is a privately-owned

building materials group, roughly twice the size of Marley, with a turnover of 74.8 Belgian francs (£1.4bn). Specialising in plastics,

roofing and flooring, it has operations in Europe and Latin America, including a joint venture with Marley in Brazil.

Its offer came just six days after the hostile paper bid by John Mansfield Group, a takeover vehicle headed by Stuart Wallis, the former chairman of Fisons, and backed by

the financiers Brian Myerson and Julian Treger

John Mansfield said yesterday it was "considering its options". But sources familiar with the company said it was unlikely to make a higher bid.

Phillips & Drew fund management, which holds a 14.9 per cent stake in Marley, encouraged the break-up bid after meeting Mr Trapnell in September to discuss the compa

ny's strategic review. The fund manager was said to be "very disappointed" when Marley came out with no firm plan of action after years of poor performance.

It agreed to underwrite £1.5m of John Mansfield's costs and is now sitting on a profit of around £20m as a result of the takeover

The Etex offer caused Marley's share price to jump 17.5p yesterday to 123p, up from 78p

#### recession next year THERE IS a "substantial risk" that the world will plunge into recession next year, according

to a gloomy new forecast from the World Bank

The sister organisation to the International Monetary Fund warns that sharp stockmarket falls in the US and Europe, or a continuing pause in international capital flows, could bring global growth to a halt in 1999. Even taking a more opti-

mistic outlook, the developing countries face their worst growth prospects since the third world debt crisis nearly 20 years ago, it says. Controversially, the new re-

port also recommends that some developing countries should restrict or tax "hot money" capital flows to safeguard against future crises.

Joseph Stiglitz, the World Bank's chief economist, concludes that the recent crises reveal fundamental weaknesses

By DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

World Bank predicts

in the international financial

"When a single car has an accident on a bend in the highway, one might infer something about the driver or his car. But when, at the same bend, there are accidents day in and day out, the presumption changes there is probably something wrong with the road," he writes.

The bank welcomes the recent US interest rate cuts and Japanese fiscal package but calls for further measures to avert a deep global slump. The risk of a worsening recession in Japan and slower growth in the US and Europe if share prices suffer a sharp correction make prospects for 1999 precarious,

It forecasts that global growth will nearly halve from 3.2 per cent in 1997 to 1.8 per cent risk of repeat crises.

the report warns.

in 1999, and puts a high probability on zero growth next year. The crisis-ridden Asian economies are likely to have seen an 8 per cent drop in GDP this year, with no growth in 11.34 11

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Developing countries will be hit hardest. Brazil, Indonesia. Russia and other countries, accounting for a quarter of world demand, have suffered a decline in GDP per head this year.

prospect next year.

The report argues for an expansion in demand, a better social safety net, and injections of public funds for banking reform in the crisis countries. It estimates that the cost will amount to 20 to 30 per cent of their GDP "Continuing financial support from the international community is vital," it says.

The report comes out in favour of restrictions on the more volatile short-term capital flows in future to reduce the

#### AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

#### LONDON

THE STOCK MARKET closed lower yesterday, with sentiment dominated by profit warnings and weakness on Wall Street. The FTSE-100 ended 30.3 points lower at 5507.2, its lowest point of the day on heavy turnover of over 1 billion stocks.

The blue-chip index lacked direction for most of the day but headed firmly downwards in early afternoon after the Dow opened with a three-digit loss. The FTSE-250 ended 17.0 lower at 4804.4 and the small cap 2.7 worse off at 2036.8. Market report, page 25

#### NEW YORK

PROFIT WARNINGS from Boeing and Sears, Roebuck sent the Dow Joues plummeting down through the 9,000 barrier, amid fears that economic growth would slow in the new year. "Stocks have had a tremendous run, so investors are looking for any bad news as an excuse to sell," said one analyst.

Internet stocks fell after the Wall Street Journal suggested some companies might be overvalued. The Dow Jones had fallen to 8,975 by early afternoon, a 1.75 per cent drop from the previous day's close,

#### TOKYO

THE NIKKET tested the 15,000 barrier yesterday, closing at 14,986 a 1 per cent gain on the day. In thin trading, shares recovered from early falls, as hopes that politicians might suspend sales taxes persisted.

Electronics companies led the way, after US computer shares rallied on Wall Street overnight. Hitachi and Toshiba each rose 3 per cent. "Some of the optimism about hi-tech profits is spilling over into the market. Investors have been staying away because of economic gloom in Asia," said one dealer.

#### HONG KONG

AN OVERNIGHT rise on Wall Street brought calm to anxious Asian markets yesterday, with the Hang Seng Index ending up nearly 1 per cent at 10,055, after being up over 2 per cent earlier in the day. The surge was led by property stocks, as a report announcing a rise in apartment sales was published.

Dealers said market sentiment vas very cautious, with investors still unsure if Wall Street can stabilise. "Traders are waiting for a chance to bargain-hunt at lower levels" said one analyst.

#### FRANKFURT

GERMAN SHARES slumped yesterday, in line with other European exchanges, with BMW and Deutsche Bank leading the way. The DAX Index finished the day down 1.4 per cent at 4.712.

BMW dropped 4 per cent after it was announced that Rover's chief executive Walter Hasselkus would be sacked, and that a further £2bn would be invested in the lossmaking Rover group. Deutsche Bank, which announced the DM1bn acquisition of Credit Lyonnais' Belgian operation on l'uesday, fell 4 per cent.

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# New master, but Rover's still a dog

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ROVER'S LATEST BOSS vacated the driving seat yesterday sprinkling Latin quotations and jokes in his wake. As a valedictory performance it was a great deal more dignified and touching than when ttle fo Harold Musgrove was shown the door by Sir Graham Day back in

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In those days Rover answered to a different name, of course, but it was still a bit of a dog even then. Over the years the business has had many masters and many incarnations - BMC, British Leyland, BL, Austin Rover With every change of owner comes a cosmetic facelift but the root problem is never tackled.

Since BMW snatched hold of the lead five years ago it has invested the thick end of £2.5bn, only to be repaid with mounting losses. For the last three years, it has been hiding behind the excuse of an appreciating pound to explain Rover's stubborn refusal to come to heel and begin to turn a profit.

But now the gloves are off and the choke chain is on. Faced with doubts whether Rover can close the the prospect of watching Long- 30 per cent productivity gap with



#### OUTLOOK

bridge close, the unions have agreed to 2,500 job losses, an effective pay freeze and the end of overtime payments.

The new Mini has been secured for Longbridge without government aid but if the plant wants to have a long-term future and build the replacement for the Rover 200-400 series, then the taxpayer will have to fork out at least £200m all the same. Even then, the BMW chairman, Bernd Pischetsrieder,

BMW's plants in Germany unless it switches yet more of its £4bn component spend abroad.

Clearly this is not the sort of environment that appealed to Dr Walter Hasselkus, the urbane and rather charming outgoing Rover appointed Professor Werner Samann, who used to run the group's engines and chassis business. A professor he may be, but the word is that the new Rover chairrougher end of the car business.

Still, he has an uphill task, even after inheriting a dowry of cost savings worth £150m a year. Mr Pischetsrieder talks enthusiastically about Rover making a 7 per cent return on sales one day but with exchange rates still against it, just break-even point looks a distant

Rover's new professor probably has two years to produce results. If he fails, then next time it will surely be Mr Pischetsrieder's neck on the chopping block

EVERYONE ELSE is busy consolidating, so why not the regional brewers too? That's what Wolverhampton & Dudley thinks anyway. chairman. In his place, BMW has The trouble is that its Midlands rival, Marston, Thompson & Evershed, doesn't want to play ball. This £260m takeover battle moved up a gear yesterday with news that Marston is promising shareholders man has been schooled at the an increase in the payback from 60p to 101p a share should they reject the

> Marston is able to do this because it is securitising its tenanted estate, a disposal which will realise some £137.3m. David Thompson of Wolverhampton & Dudley has in turn made his offer conditional on shareholders rejecting this proposal, since a part of the rationale for the bid is gaining access to Marston's tenanted estate. In other words, he's threatening to withdraw his bid if shareholders back Marston's securitisation plan. Whether he will go through with

this threat remains to be seen; the

condition can be waived. But is this a risk shareholders want to take? Next Wednesday, they assemble in Burton upon Trent to vote on the issue, so it's make your mind up time. The argument is a finely bal-

anced one. Marston hints obscurely that there might be other bidders in the wings - Green King for instance - for whom a cash rich brewer stripped of its tenanted estate could be attractive. If there is to be a wide ranging consolidation among regional brewers, it might pay to see who else comes out of the woodwork, the argument goes.

It would plainly make sense from everyone's point of view to delay the securitisation vote so that the bid can be fought on its merits and to allow for the possibility of higher offers, either from Wolverhampton and others. Unfortunately, Marston claims, this cannot be done since to abandon or lengthen the underwriting of the securitisation would be exceptionally costly and there would be no guarantee of getting such favourable terms again.

Even so, Marston's may have

done its shareholders no service by to call it a bountiful one. making a stand on this issue, for if the company loses, it will be as if the management's defence has already been rejected. Wolverhampton & Dudley will as a consequence be that much more reluctant to raise its bid. So it's a tough call. In the end, however, shareholders would be wise to reject their management's proposals. There is likely to be more value realised by allowing the bid process to run its course than by obstruct-

#### Internet/Dixons

ing it at this early stage.

SIR STANLEY KALMS, chairman of Dixons, must find it hard to believe a loss leading promotional tool must his luck. Everybody else in retailing is warning of a dire Christmas, and as consumer spending slows, their share prices are bombing. Not so Dixons, whose stock hit a new all time high yesterday - up 2.4 per cent to 758p. The reason for this is nothing to do high street sales. Dixons may be having a better Christmas than many, but it still won't be able

Rather it is to do with the American craze for internet stocks, of which Dixons is now judged to be one. Goldman Sachs held a conference call with Dixons for American investors yesterday, and they apparently liked what they heard about the company's new internet service

provider, Freeserve, so much that

they bought the shares. In the US, internet stocks have sky rocketed, even though few of these companies make any money. Sir Stanley has always run his business on the basis that he buys to sell and in the process he makes a turn. That you can create value out of a business which was set up originally as

come as something of a surprise. The bet with internet stocks is that those who establish a powerful brand on the net will eventually reap rich rewards both from the exposure it gives and the opportunities it provides for e-commerce. Whether that bet comes home is anyone's guess but Sir Stanley is entitled to enjoy its warm glow while it lasts.

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The row, which is threatening to turn into a fully-fledged trade the time war between the US and Eu-The state of the s logical standards that have been



Sven-Christer Nilsson, chief executive of Ericsson

developed for the phones. The first, called W-CDMA and produced by Ericsson, has been adopted by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute, the industry body.

However, Qualcomm, the aggressive US manufacturer, claims it owns the intellectual property on which W-CDMA is based. Qualcomm is promoting a rival standard, called CDMA2000, which it argues is further advanced.

The outcome of the debate will decide whether the US and Europe will adopt incompatible standards or whether the

operators in the UK are reluctant to take part in the Government's auction until the row is cleared up. "It's clear that we The dispute is threatening to aren't going to commit to bidding until we fully understand what tor said yesterday.

The Government had been next year before holding the auction in May or June. But that timetable now looks optimistic. Yesterday Dr Pekka Tar-

janne, secretary-general of the tions Union, the global industry body which has the final say on standards, said a compromise of March. "I am optimistic we can see

convergence towards one global standard. Some understanding has been shown of the need to have a framework," he said. However, he was contradict-

ed by Sven-Christer Nilsson. chief executive of Ericsson, who said: "I don't think we will see a full convergence of standards. But we will see a way of existing together and permitting both standards."

This puts Eriesson on a collision course with Qualcomm, which will only release its patents if a single, compatible standard is agreed. "We will only licence for a converged standard," said Bill Bold, Qualcomm's vice-president in charge of government affairs.

Ericsson claims its technology does not infringe Qualcomm's patents, and is planning to bring the matter to the courts in April next year. Meanwhile, the issue is in

danger of spilling over into a trade row between the US and Europe. Charlene Barshefsky, the US trade representative, warned earlier this year that she would invoke the World Trade Organisation if European manufacturers appeared to be protecting their markets by phones will be able to work in adopting different standards.

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### Hold tight for tough year, warns MEPC

JAMES TUCKEY, chairman of BY SIMON DUKE MEPC, Britain's third largest property company, yesterday warned that 1999 is going to be a tough year for the economy and the property market.

Announcing a 2 per cent dip in full-year pre-tax profit before exceptional items to £142m, Mr Tuckey said: "MEPC can take advantage of any correction in the property market, due to our strong balance sheet and clear idea of where we want to put our money. As long as institutional investors sit on the sidelines, there will be buying opportunities for MEPC."

A STATE OF THE STA MEPC, whose disposal of its US and Australian operations over the last 12 months resulted in £400m being returned to

shareholders, is now focusing on offices in central and west London and the retail sector.

Mr Tuckey predicted that recent consolidations within the banking sector would hit property values in the City "I am glad we don't have any letting expo-

sure in the City," he added. The figures were broadly in line with expectations, and the share price rose 1 per cent to 404p per share, a significant discount to the net asset value of 549p. One analyst explained that this discrepancy was common to the sector, but that "takeover bids always push the share price towards net asset



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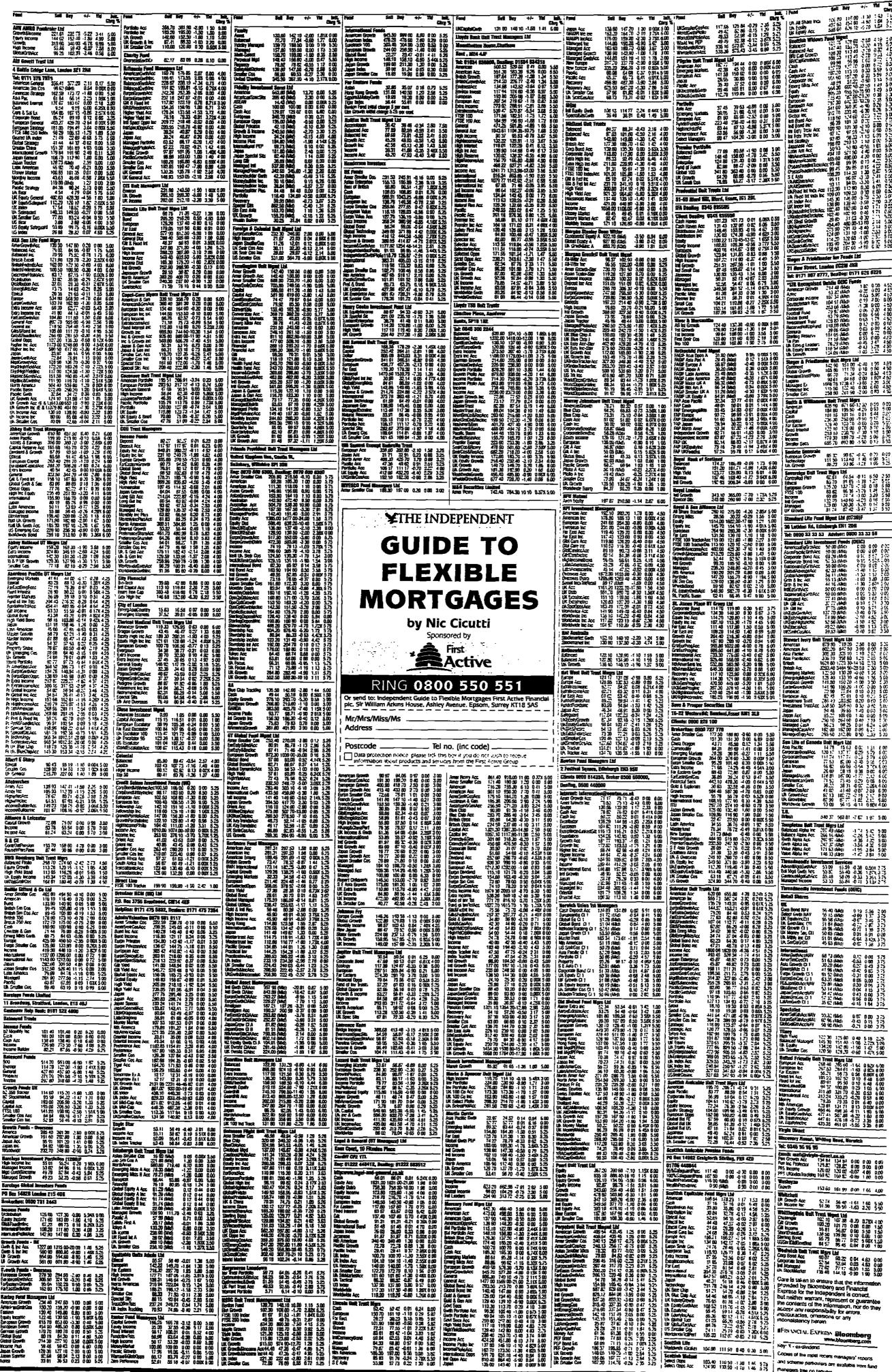
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# Asian flu kills off 48,000 jobs at Boeing

water that cuts inland from the north-west Pacific coast of the United States, is Boeing country. From Everett in the north, on through Boeing Fields and downtown Seattle, to Renton at the southern tip of the Puget, the familiar logo of the world's biggest aircraft manufacturer dominates the landscape.

Sure. Seattle has other household names and other big emlovers - Microsoft and Starbucks, the coffee people, come to mind. But when Boeing sneezes, the Puget shakes. Yesterday, it was still reverberating from Boeing's stunning announcement that it intends to shed 48,000 employees - a fifth of its workforce – over the next two years and cut back production savagely.

Boeing has caught a bad dose of the Asian flu and its workforce is paying the price for the collapse in air travel and hence demand for passenger jets in the Pacific Rim. But the effects will be felt not just in Puget Sound. Boeing is a big spender in the UK as well, where it buys £1.4bnworth of supplies a year from 200 component firms including Rolls-Royce, British Aerospace, EC Marconi and Smiths Industries. Across Europe. some

90,000 direct and indirect jobs are said to depend on Boeing orders. Half of those job cuts were already in the pipeline. Nevertheless, the scale of the additional reductions, coupled with a warning that profits would be \$500m lower next year than forecast caught the aerospace industry and Wall Street on the hop.

Production of Boeing's entire model range, with the exception of the new 100-seater 717, will be cut back. Output of the 747 Jumbo jet, Boeing's biggest profit earner, will fall from 3.5 a month now to two in 1999 and just one a month the year after.

Production of the New Generation 737, the workhorse of most airline fleets, is also being trimmed back by more than 10 per cent, while the 757 and 767 lines will slow down.

The Asian downturn has not yet materialised in cancelled, delayed or deferred orders. In fact Boeing has lost just three orders in the region so far - and that followed the collapse of Phillipines Airlines. Worldwide deliveries this year are on target to reach 550 and are forecast to increase to 620 next year. Boeing expects to deliver all 84 aircraft on order from Asian airlines in 1999.

THE PUGET SOUND, a stretch of By Michael Harrison

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HOW THE AIRLINE MARKET IS FORECAST TO GROW OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS

But beyond that, the market falls off a cliff. Harry Stonecipher, Boeing's chief operating officer, said yesterday: "Options are not being exercised and there is zero market growth. It is not a pretty picture, nor is it improving. We think this situation will take between two and five years to work through."

Not everyone in the aviation industry is convinced by Boeing's explanation. Over the last decade, the workforce at Seattle has gone up and down like a fiddler's elbow - more because of Boeing's inability to match production capacity to customer demand than because of any collapse in the market.

The last big jobs cull took

place in the early 1990s when the workforce was trimmed by 20 per cent. But just as Seattle was recovering from that, Boeing unveiled a hugely ambitious programme to double production and, until last year, it was taking

to cut back production of the New Generation 737 because of acute bottlenecks on its assembly lines. The resulting financial mayhem and penalty payments to airlines drove the company into its

on workers at the rate of 1,000 a

month. Then Boeing hit the

buffers in late 1997 when it had

first loss in five decades. A rival aerospace executive said: "When I heard the news from Seattle I could not believe it. Boeing is blaming the Asian

crisis for its troubles but the reality is that it has been too

Doug McVitie, managing director of the Arran Aerospace aviation consultancy, agrees: "I'm not sure all of this can go down to the situation in Asia. They overstretched themselves and left very little margin for

Boeing's problems are compounded by the fact that it is losing market share to its European rival Airbus Industrie, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake. This year the Toulouse-based consortium has scooped half the market for new orders, which explains its air of confidence and rapidly growing production lines. Airbus has increased production by 25 per cent this year to 230 aircraft and expects to raise output to 290 aircraft in 1999 and 320 the following year. Overall, Airbus forecasts that the world's airlines will re-

quire 13,600 new aircraft of 70

seats or more over the next 20

years, worth a total of \$1,200bn.

The Asian market is important. It accounts for 20 per cent of world airline traffic and is forecast to grow at a faster rate than any other part of the world except for China in the next 20 years.

But Adam Brown, vice-president of forecasting and strategic planning at Airbus, thinks the impact of the Asian crisis has been overdone. He estimates

that the areas of Asia that are in decline represent only 7 per cent of the world airline market. "If air travel in all these areas were to come to a complete standstill for a year, total world air traffic would show hardly any decline at all. Also, despite the severe short-term problems facing the Asian airlines, the fundamentals underlying the region's great potential for sustained

main unchanged." It will be some months before Boeing's UK suppliers feel the full backdraft from the cutbacks in Seattle. Meanwhile, at least there is the consultation of knowing that Boeing's loss is Airbus

long-term economic growth re-

### **Bonuses** safe, **Deutsche** tells staff

By Andrew Garfield Financial Editor

STAFF AT the City offices of BT Alex.Brown have been told that their 1998 bonuses will not be affected by the \$10bn takeover by Germany's Deutsche Bank and will paid out as planned in January.

In an internal e-mail to staff, following the merger deal announced on Monday, Frank Newman, the Bankers Trust chairman, said: "Until the merger closes in the coming months BT will continue to operate independently and bonuses and promotions for 1998 will continue to be approved in our normal process and announced as planned in

Deutsche's chief executive, Rolf Breuer, said on Monday that 5,500 jobs would go as a result of the merger, with most of the cuts falling in London and New York

The top three members of the integration committee, Yves de Balman, Michael Philipp, and Edson Mitchell. met Bankers staff in London yesterday for a series of meetings at which they promised to have the outlines of the new management structure in place early in the New Year.

"Meritocracy will be the driving force behind the merger," Mr de Balman told staff yesterday.

Yesterday's assurances have been met with a certain amount of scepticism by BT Alex.Brown staff.

"How can they decide what bonuses to pay before they have decided who will stay and who will go?" said one BT Alex.Brown insider.

# MPC's new boy is an academic and proud of it

THE APPOINTMENT earlier By LEA PATERSON this year of John Vickers to the Monetary Policy Committee responsible for determining UK interest rates raised a few evebrows. An Oxford academic with little expertise in monetary policy, he joined a mmittee some thought was aready too light on practical experience and too overburdened with pointy heads.

However, speaking to The Independent in his first interview since taking up the post, Mr Vickers, the Bank of England's new chief economist, vigorously defended his academic background, his track record and the MPC's remit.

As part of his defence against critics who charge the MPC with failing to understand what's going on in business, he points to his successful experience in managing the finances of his Oxford college. He can boast of making money even when the stock market crashed in 1987. According to Mr Vickers.

who will concede that sitting on the MPC is a "heavy responsibility", he is comfortable with the rate decisions he has taken. And that includes the controversial decision to raise interest rates in June on the back of subsequently discredited figures on average earnings.

He said: "The appraisal of decisions has to be on the information that was available. I'm personally comiortable with the vote I expressed."

Mr Vickers, an Oxford-based father of three, says he has "absolutely no regrets" about his decision to leave academia, a decision triggered by an unexpected phone call from Mervyn King, now deputy governor of the Bank. According to Mr Vickers, his

experience - he was briefly an quite clear we're all individually is an important thing to do."

oil analyst at Shell and has also undertaken a number of private consulting projects has not disadvantaged him in

For the job of Bank chief economist, said Mr Vickers, "you need a generalist applied economics approach and Mervyn [King, former chief economist) and John Fleming before him were in that

Also important, according to the MPC new boy, is the ability to understand what is happening in the financial mar-



John Vickers: Comfortable with his rate decisions

kets, as that 1987 post-crash performance demonstrates. The 40-year-old former professor refuted the suggestion that Bank staff felt obliged to vote the same way as Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor. He said it was pure coincidence he had voted the same way on interest rates as Mr George since joining the

MPC in the summer. "The conclusion I have reached has turned out to be is just downright false. the same as the conclusion the relative lack of private sector Governor has reached. But it is there is no trade-off of that kind

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agreements, there are disagreements, and that's that." Mr Vickers, who attended the April and May MPC meeting as an observer before voting to raise rates in his first full meeting in June, said the committee did not "hold back" in its

on the line. If there are dis-

discussions. "We're all charged with exactly the same thing. Our remit is very clear. The discussions are very free-ranging. People will happily ventilate points of view that are not their own. I think there is a very frank

atmosphere." He is upbeat about recent developments in the financial markets. "It's been very encouraging how things stabilised since the period of the IMF meetings on all sorts of

The outlook, though, for both the global economy and the UK, remains uncertain, he said. Among the uncertainties is the new European Central Bank, which will set interest rates in the euro-area from January.

The ECB's decisions certainly have the ability to affect the UK, according to Mr Vickers, "in the same way that decisions in the US can affect us", via the stock market, exchange rates and the direct impact on trade.

MPC faces numerous challenges, not least improving its public image, which has taken a hammering lately. According Mr Vickers, "There's inevitably a long way to go. The misperception that there might be a trade-off

where we say OK, let's have a

bit more inflation and then we

Like the European bank, the

can sustainably have more jobs "Explaining clearly why

#### IN BRIEF

#### Thinktank issues EC tax warning

AN INDEPENDENT European thinktank has warned that the European Commission's proposals for a tax on investment income could spell disaster for Europe's capital Promethee, applying the withholding tax to the wholesale financial markets could drive the lucrative eurobond business to Switzerland or New York. Albert Bressand, Promthee's managing director, said a recent study estimating the tax could cost 11,000 jobs "was a gross understatement" .-

#### Bonuses dry up NEARLY A quarter of UK

executive directors have failed to earn bonuses this year as a result of a closer link between pay-outs and performance, according to Hay Management Consultants. The Hay Boardroom Guide, an analysis of top executive pay, shows that directors' base salaries rose by about 6 per cent in the year to May, compared with 5 per cent for the workforce as a whole. However, there was a great variation in bonuses, with 22 per cent receiving no bonus

#### Mentmore boost

SHARES OF Mentmore Abbey, the storage company, yesterday rose 17.5p to 108.5p on news of a strategic alliance with US competitor Iron Mountain. Mentmore. which will sell 50.1 per cent of its British Data Management business to Iron Mountain for £27.3m, also reported a 43 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £3.3 m.

#### Readicut up 6% READICUT, the fibre and

vinyl products manufacturer, yesterday announced a 6 per cent rise in pre-tax profit before exceptional items to £4.8m. Brian Leckie, company chief executive. said that its disposal programme was near completion, but that trading in the UK remains fiercely competitive.

#### Print jobs axed

NEWS COMMUNICATIONS and Media, the regional newspaper group, yesterday announced that it will close its operation in Dursley, Gloucestershire, within the next 12 months, with the loss of up to 160 jobs. Printing will be transferred to its new £13m plant at Weymouth. Dorset, in late 1999.

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#### **Interest Rates**

Advice of interest rate changes for personal customers from 3 December 1998

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5.000 +	4.56%	3.97%	4.00%				
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# Turbulent ride for aerospace shares

CROSPACE ENGINEERS went into tailspin yesterday as bearish words from the aircraft-maker Boeing caused a bout of turbulence in the sector. US investors were said to be keen to dump the aero-stocks after the shock profit warning by the American giant

They are worried that shrinking demand for Boeing and Airbus aircraft would cripple production of their British-made wings and engines Broker ABN Armro reinforced the mood, advising clients to fasten their seatbelts and prepare for a bumpy ride in the sector.

British Aerospace was firmly on the bears' radar screens. The shares plunged over 4 per cent to 477.5p, as the market fretted over BAe's role in the Airbus consortium. Rolls-Royce, down 5p to 235p, was also without parachute. Positive noises from HSBC were not enough

to lift the turbo-engine maker. Siebe and BTR, the two electronic engineers engaged to be mar-ried, were also affected. The sector malaise combined with doubts over the merger to leave Siebe grounded at 201p, down 9p, and BTR 2.25p lower at 113.75p. The defence enMARKET REPORT



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gineers' selling spree extended to LucasVarity, down 4.5p to 203.5p. Smith Industries was the only one to take off, putting on 15p to 840p after the earnings enhancing ac-

quisition of the US electrocompo-

nents group Entraco for \$7.7m. Footsie kept a low profile after the previous day's disaster. The blue-chip index closed down 30.3 to 5507.2. After a directionless start. sentiment was hijacked by a large opening loss in Wall Street, and a fragile Footsie closed at the day's lowest point. Volume broke through

the 1 billion barrier for the second day running, helped by a number of tax-related deals and pre-Christmas book-squaring.

Scottish Power bucked the market trend to close up 23.5p at 657p, thanks to the return of recent rumours. Market insiders believe that the utility giant is preparing a spin-off of its telecoms arms or a long-awaited blockbuster buy in the US. It was denied the Footsie's top spot by Sema, up 20 to 470p, as the market corrected the previous day's rogue trade. Cariton tuned in to a series of buy recommendations after Tuesday's results. The ITV compa-

ny finished 145p higher at 4925p. The undercard was hit by a retailers' collapse and a series of profit warnings, which left the mid cap 17 lower at 4804.4 and the small cap 2.7 down at 2036.8

Arcadia, the Burton-to-Dorothy Perkins frock-maker, started the collapse. The Debenhams spin-off was left looking like a crumpled suit after warning of falling sales and increasing competition. The alarm enraged many analysts, who had been reassured that all was well a few weeks ago. They got their revenge with savage cuts to their earnings estimates and a barrage of downgrades.

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Arcadia finished a dishevelled 26.2 per cent lower at 212.5p, the biggest faller in the FTSE 250. Its

ASTEC, the electronic equipment maker set to fall to US rival Emerson, remained unmoved at 84.5p as two directors sold their stakes Howard Lance, chief executive, sold 50,000 shares at the 85p offer price for £42,500. Neal Stewart, technical director, dumped 1.25 million shares for over £1m. Mr Stewart, one of Astec's founders, also cashed in ontions, netting over £700,000. Emerson yesterday increased its Astec holding to 87.3 per cent.

former parent Debenhams followed suit with a 21.5p fall to 360p. Reading the list of the other fallers was like taking a stroll down the high street. Sears, the Miss Selfridge chain, was down 7.5 per cent

date and slid 2p to 47.5p. siders whisper that the chemist is to 196.5p. Next slumped 31p to

444p, Marks & Spencer fell 15,25p to 400p. GUS, the owner of Argos, did even worse as dealers panicked over today's results. The shares crumbled 8.3 per cent to a 52-week

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

share price, pence

out its own disastrous trading up-Boots fell 34p to 940p. Market in-

low of 574p. Allied Carpets rolled

update. Sainsbury, down 19n to 478p, added a bit of food flavour to the retailers' dehacle

Dixons' star shone alone in the sector's night. The electrical chain touched an all-time high of 758p, up

BUYERS WERE deaf to Hidden Hearing's plight yesterday The recently floated retailer of hearing aids fell over 10 per cent to 117.5p. after warning of tough conditions in the UK and Ireland. The group, which owns 43 branches in the UK, revealed that

increased marketing expenses to keep sales affoat will hit margins at the year-end. The group remains on the lookout for earnings-boosting acquisitions.

18p after an investors' presentation at Goldman Sachs. The bank's clients were impressed with Dixons' burgeoning Internet service.

Marley was the cheer of the mid cap. The building materials group, rose 16.5 per cent to 123p after find-

BEING chief executive of ISA

International, the toner cartridge to

ink jet computer products distribu-

tor, is getting as secure an occupation as England Test batsman. Yesterday John Parkinson stepped

said everything would be different

in 1976 and then sold out in the 1980s

in order to launch other companies

in the US, only to buy back a fifth of

Despite yesterday's profits warm-

ing from ISA, Mr Heap is confident

ing a Belgian white knight to save it from the attack by its smaller rival John Mansfield. Etex, a privately owned company, is bidding 125p a share in cash, well above Mansfield's 97.4p bid.

Rugby Group, another suffering materials-maker, built a rally on its recent underperformance and ended 5.5 p higher at 87p. Tarmac added to the construction rally with a 3.5p rise to 112.5p. A deal with rival Aggregate industries is said

Sentry Farming was the market's worst performer The agriculture group dropped 32 per cent to 43.5p after warning of a substantial trading loss for the year. The BSE scare, sterling strength and a slump in crop values did the damage.

Hornby, the maker of toy railways, hit the buffers, as it cautioned that tough trading would derail profits. The shares shed 37.5p to 147.5p.

Cortecs, the biotech group, rebounded 3.5p to 15p following Tuesday's product-delay warning.

**SEAQ VOLUME: 1.12 billion** SEAQ TRADES: 68,252 GILT INDEX: 114.24 -0.03

Investment: Consolidation may be the only option for the regional brewing sector This time ISA's

# Flat prospects at Greene King chief executive

THE REGIONAL BREWING sector, BY NIGEL COPE for so long the dullard of the pub and brewing industry, is suddenly starting to look interesting. With Wolverhampton & Dudley embroiled in a hostile bid for rival Marstons, and Greene King tipped as a possible "White Knight" bidder, the longawaited consolidation of the market

could finally be under way. King's half-year figures yesterday suggest action is necessary. Trading profits were up just 5 per cent to £27m on sales up 2 per cent to £134.5m. Like-for-like sales in its managed pub estate are running 3 to 4 per cent lower than last year and trading is said to be "patchy and unpredictable" in the face of weakening consumer demand. "It seems that consumers do have the money but are frightened to spend it," said Greene King's chief executive Tim. Bridge, adding that food sales are signtly weaker than drink

750p in the spring to 537.5p, down a further 1.5p yesterday.

Like other regional brewers ales, Greene King IPA and the Greene King's problem is that it is stronger Abbot ale, increased sales caught between the powerful big by 2 per cent in a cask conditioned brewers, such as Bass and Scottish market 10 per cent down.

Associate City Editor

& Newcastle, on the one hand and the new, nimble pub companies on the other. The regional brewers cannot match the marketing spend of the big boys while the new pub companies, such as Regent Inns and JD Wetherspoon, are nibbling away at their margins.

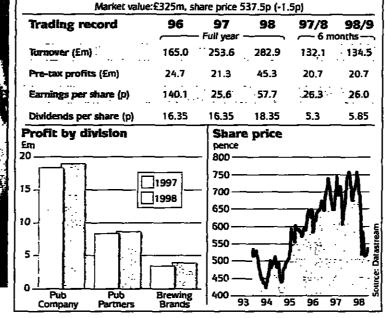
This has led to analysts and investors shunning brewers valued at less than £500m, leaving the shares trading on lowly ratings. As one sector-watcher put it yesterday: "Greene King is a small, low-growth business operating in a mature sector. It is just a case of trying to make the best of what its got." To be fair to the company, it has

been trying to do just that. Its decision to pull out of lager production last year now looks wise as Greene King could not possibly match the marketing muscle behind top shares under-performing the mar- and Stella Artois. It has also jettiket by 23 per cent over the past 12 soned its Irish ale, Wexford Cream, months. They have fallen from over after sales started to fall sharply. Its beer volumes are out-performing the market and its main



Tim Bridge: 'Consumers are frightened to spend'

concentrating on acquiring and developing community pubs to the In the tenanted estate, which was Hungry Horse brand, which offers boosted by the purchase of 43 lower-priced food. So far there are Beards of Sussex pubs this year, 90 Hungry Horse pubs with a fur-ther eight sites secured for the second half. However, there have been gramme will only be felt in the secsome concerns that a large invest-



**GREENE KING: AT A GLANCE** 

In managed pubs the group is ment bill for refurbishment is loom-

Greene King may yet enter the fray for Marstons although analysts said Morland, which it took an unsuccessful tilt at a few years ago, re-

mains its most obvious partner. Although the shares trade on a forward multiple of just nine, analysts said the outlook remains un-

#### he can deal with the margin pressures which have hit the company. And Bradford will no longer be an issue, he added. "I live primarily in

based company.

ISA four months ago.

VIRGIN DIRECT'S Christmas drinks party at the Sanctuary in Covent Garden, London, on Tuesday night was a lively affair. While Richard Branson was off ballooning in Morocco, Rowan Gormley, managing director of Virgin Direct, played host to the great and the good

of the financial services industry. Only one problem surfaced during the proceedings - large numbers of men wandering around the build-ing desparately looking for the gents. The Sanctuary is of course a womanonly health club, so the loos had to become unisex for the evening.

The club's swimming pool was once used as a set for one of Joan Collins' more risque films. Mr Gormley was thrown into the very same pool, suit and ali. No doubt Mr Branson would have apapproved.

SIR TERENCE CONRAN'S latest restaurant venture, the Coq d'Argent, seems something of a hit. Located on the roof of a new

### lasted six weeks PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

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aside after just six weeks in the job. WILLCOCK having succeeded Richard Lindsey, who lasted 14 months. Before that Peter Hildrew also lasted 14 months at the helm, before JOHN PINNEGAR, the Independent Financial Advisers Asresigning in July last year. At the time, the company blamed his desociation's chief spokesman and parture on personal reasons, saying a former Tory Parliamentary Mr Hildrew felt that his decision to candidate, is joining New marry someone who lived in the Labour. The schoolboy-faced former spokesman for Fimbra south of England was not compatitold Money Marketing that he fible with his working for a Bradfordnally cracked because of the Tory policy on the European Yesterday the new chief executive and chairman of ISA, David Heap, currency. This must all come as

> for three years. Mr Pinnegar says another reason for defecting to Labour was his admiration for Helen Liddell, currently Scottish Office minister, and her handling of the pensions review.

a bit of a shock to his former

day Club and Lambeth Council,

where he was a Tory councillor

England, the eatery yesterday lunchtime attracted (at different tables) Nicola Fouiston, head of Brands Hatch and former Businesswoman of the Year, Mark Boleat, outgoing director-general of the Association of British Insurers, and Sir Terence himself, sporting his trademark blue shirt.

THE MAN who led the computerisation of air traffic control at Heathrow Airport has just been appointed secretary of the London Society of Chartered Accountants.

Ian Strange, 51, returns to the job from Russia, where he was formerly human resources director for Arthur Andersen, and before that Coopers & Lybrand (Now PricewaterhouseCoopers).

After reading maths at Reading University, Mr Strange started his career with Marconi, and was team leader for the automation of Heathrow's air traffic control. It was only then that he saw the light

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## M&G profits up but future looks uncertain

FUND MANAGEMENT group M& G BY ANDREW VERITY yesterday reported a 13 per cent jump in profits in the year to Sep-tember but warned that volatile markets would breed caution among investors in the coming year.

Profits rose from £67.4m to £76.1m as rising markets yielded high annual management fees in the first nine months of the financial year. Dividends rose 15 per cent

The profit jump came in spite of per cent fall in the value of its funds under management, to £16.8bn. Since the end of September, funds have recovered to

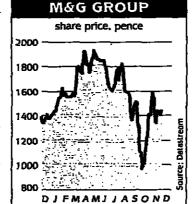
M&G has been the continual target of takeover rumours following a disastrous investment performance three years ago which has caused investors to withdraw funds from the group.

utive, declined to comment on whether he had received any takeover approaches, adding: "We think independent companies are more flexible and quicker on their

see good long-term prospects in the savings market and we are determined to enhance our position as one of the country's leading independent savings providers."

M&G also suffers from its former success as the world's oldest unit trust company. Last year, a net £111m was withdrawn as customers died and relatives cashed in their inheritance.

One analyst said: "M&G is a company that is having to run faster and faster simply to stand still at the moment. Basically, they have



younger members of the family that founded KPMG, has succeeded in boosting sales of investment products in an effort to turn the outflow of funds to an inflow by the end

After hiring Vivian Bazelgette, a well-known City fund manager, M&G has moved away from its traditional strategy of picking high-yielding, small-cap stocks. New launches have included a highyield corporate bond fund and an index tracker Like other fund managers, the company is now pinning its hopes for the year ahead on a lucrative "closing down sale" for PEPs, ahead of the switch to Individual

Source: Bloomberg

Savings Accounts next April. Executives believe M&G is in a good position to attract investors who have become nervous about equities, having established itself as a manager of fixed-interest funds.

However, industry observers are increasingly apprehensive about wider prospects for the sector because of the link between managers' fees and the value of the funds they run.

Because of high fixed costs, the link effectively means that fund managers are a geared play on the performance of the stock market, doing very well during bull runs but very poorly in bear markets. Many analysts are predicting

that M&G's profits will be flat. At the most they predict a slight rise over the next year if markets deliver growth of 5 per cent. Forecasts range between £75m and £80m for the year to September

Anthony Cummins, an analyst with Schroders, the investment bank, said: "They are a group that is on the road to recovery but are not yet fully recovered. "For a group in that position to

achieve 15 per cent dividend growth is more than a little improvement. And they will do a little better when the fruits of the recent restructuring are evident."

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Canada	4.70	-0.03	4.80	-0.10	4.68 -0.03	4.70-0		-0.14
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France	0.00	0.00	3.25	0.00	3,31 -0.02	3.54 -0		-0.03
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Nickel Fin		-10.00	5340	5350	-10	7455	-105
Zinc		-10.00		999	-9.5	328125	450
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JFFE E/come Dec98 939.00 May 99 983.00	UFFE S/source Vol: 0 Nov981774.00	LIFFE Vol: Nov98	E/tonne 0 79.30	LIFFE S Vol: Mar99	/Itonne 0 230.00	ATA S Vol: Apr99 :	/254 kg 0 579.00
UFFE E/tome Dec68 939.00 May99 983.00 May99	UFFE S/tonne Vol: 0 Nov981774.00 Jan991778.00	LIFFE Vol: Nov98 Jan99	E/tonne 0 79.30 78.75	LIFFE E Vol: Mar99 Apr99	/itonne 0 230.00 314.00	ATA S Vol: Apr99 :	754 kg 0 579.00 587.50
UFFE E/tome Dec38 939.00 May99 983.00 May99 1003.00	UFFE S/source Vol: 0 Nov981774.00	LIFFE Vol: Nov98 Jan99	E/tonne 0 79.30 78.75 81.00	LIFFE E Vol: Mar99 Apr99	/itonne 0 230.00 314.00	ATA S Vot: Apr99 ! May99 !	754 kg 0 579.00 587.50 597.50
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# A bitter pill the English refuse to swallow

FROM TIME to time, and this seems to be as good a time as any, I dwell on difficulties arising from the arrogant presumption that England should be second to none in sporting stature.

A Celt has to tread carefully here, but nothing appears to die harder among English people, and some in my trade especially, than the notion that failures in sport are proof of faltering character rather than the inevitable outcome of global improvement.

Nobody with half an eye on present standings in cricket would have been tempted to risk some of the mortgage money on England's chances of regaining the Ashes. Saved by the weather in Brisbane. outplayed in Perth where they went



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down by seven wickets, England are running true to form.

Why then were the travelling supporters interviewed on televi-

Not unnaturally, they give weight to to a residual sense of superiority that goes back to when England, or should I say the United Kingdom. was giving most games to the world and making mincemeat out of the opposition. This is not entirely the fault of an older generation.

In debate at Exeter University just about a year ago, I put forward confidently the motion that we - the Celtic nations came into this have become a second class sporting nation. Mainly on historical grounds it was heavily defeated.

"When you think of all the great British figures in the annals of sport there is no reason why we should think ourselves inferior." one of the students said.

If, admittedly, a powerful argument - not so much what a nation achieves but what it brings to the sporting fabric - it did not account for exaggerated responses to success and failure.

Anybody who follows sport in newspapers and across the airwaves will be aware of how quick some critics are to advance the view that defeats insult England's sporting heritage. They do no such thing. The truth, and a hard truth it is for many to swallow, is that for such a small and fragmented nation Britain does remarkably well on the playing fields.

A friend who writes about track and field warns of the backlash British athletics will suffer from a comparative downturn in next

don't have to know much about the sport to realise that we won't win as many gold medals as we did in this year's European Championships but that won't be taken into account," he said. "It will be back, unfairly, to the old question: what's wrong with British athletics?"

Like most other critics and onlookers, I have not myself questioned hundreds of witnesses or studied the accounts of casual betout on last summer's World Cup

The impression that has since grown up, amplified this week by an ITV documentary about the match need to fear anyone. England lost

land would probably have won the World Cup but for the dismissal of David Beckham and other imagined refereeing errors.

Nothing is held out here against anyone who believes this but it does not accommodate the facts of England's overall record in World Cup competition. There has been just one victory, in 1966, when England had the advantage of playing all tors but it is probably safe to assume their matches at Wembley. And that a great deal of money was put there has only been one other apdown on England before they set pearance (1990) in the semi-finals.

When England defeated Australia in a Test match at Edghaston two summers ago, it was stated by Lord MacLaurin that they had no

year's World Championships. "You against Argentina - watched by a the series. A more circumspect record 27m viewers - is that Eng-England overcame South Africa last summer but it did not prevent the misplaced optimism that ac-

companied England to Australia. While professing no great expertise, my view of England's performances so far in Australia is that their opponents are simply better at batting, bowling and

catching. If this suggests a lot of room for improvement and justifies a shakeup in the administration and structure of English cricket there is no shame in it.

It will surely be a great day if you ask an Englishman what the word sport brings to mind, and he replies: "Plays hell with reality."

# Jones on journey out of the dark

It has been a hard 12 months for the Wales captain left paralysed by an 'innocuous accident'. By Tim Glover

at Cardiff Rugby Club yesterday. "If you'd told me 12 months ago that I'd be sitting here talking about my future I wouldn't have believed it," the former Wales captain said.

It was on the adjoining pitch on dent". 13 December last year that Jones. playing for Cardiff against Swansea, a time he was a quadriplegic. After cure possession and I was hit from bilitation, Jones, a medical student an awkward position and I found mywhose parents are both doctors, will self lying on the floor. The greatest attempt to resuscitate his career in feeling that I had at that time was

couple of steps and then I might lose balance. There's a fine line between walking and grabbing hold of something. It's a question of rhythm and

had fractured his spine and would never walk again but the cord was compressed and he had an operation to relieve the pressure. During his rehabilitation he met people who are suffering from total paralysis. "One chap told me I was lucky. He had completely severed his spinal cord. I knew what he meant although I didn't feel particularly lucky. I'm pleased with how far I've come because back in those dark days when I couldn't move at all there was a chance I might remain like that for the rest of my life. It was a frightening experience. When I asked them if I'd ever be able to walk they said they didn't know. I'd just have to wait. on the big hits. I used protective Now they're saying I should be able to run. There are still a lot of goals to be achieved. To resume my medical career I need to improve the risks."

Jones walked into the trophy room hands and arms especially if I'm going to be putting needles into

Arms Park as an "innocuous acci-

Two weeks before the injury, Jones, a 25-year-old flanker of speed It was initially feared that Jones and skill, had captained Wales against the All Blacks at Wembley. It was his 13th cap in a career that had already been affected by a series of injuries. Like Dr J P R Williams, the legendary full-back, he had a fearless approach to the game. Colleagues at the Welsh National School of Medicine were accustomed to seeing Jones as a patient. He had two shoulder operations, a back injury and an ankle injury. He had taken a two-year sabbatical from his studies to play as a full-time professional.

"There are probably more injuries now because everybody's so much bigger and it's a far more physical game. There's more emphasis padding but I didn't find it much use. Whether rule changes would make it safer is difficult to say. People know

WITH THE aid of crutches. Gwyn my exam skills and the dexterity in Jones describes the incident

which left him motionless on the "A lot of people still play the

video of the incident but it was an acsuffered a serious spinal injury, in the cident which could have happened 13th minute. from which it was to anyone. It was in open play. I was thought he might never recover. For standing over the ball trying to se-12 months of treatment and reha- both sides. My neck was caught in not knowing where my body was. "There aren't many things I can't That was the first sign that somedo now, they just take a bit longer thing had gone badly wrong bethan before," he said, "I'm almost cause I couldn't work out where my walking independently. I'm OK for a arms and legs had gone. Then I managed a quick look to where I thought my arms and legs were but they weren't there."



injury in a tackle during his club's match against Swansea last December and had to be carefully carried from the pitch (below)

neurological ward at the University of Wales Hospital and following surgery he was moved to the high dependency unit. "It was very difficult to cope with that at first. Lying on my back with my head strapped to the bed staring at the ceiling is obviously not easy. To begin with I was unsure what I had done although when the doctors told me I hadn't broken my neck I was in the early days. That being the a bit confused. Gradually I realised case, I think the future looks quite what was wrong and started to see promising."

of someone who was totally paralvsed one minute and began to improve the next. I met people who had suffered similar injuries and I was determined that however hard it was I would not give in. I met a couple of people who had done better than me at this stage of their recovery and some who had recovered well after failing to make that much progress

'Everybody's so much bigger and it's a far more physical game. There's more emphasis on big hits'

definite signs of recovery. For several days I couldn't move at all and was even having trouble breathing. There was just not enough power to allow me to breathe as I should. After about a week I started getting some movement in my left leg and then things started to happen.

"What it taught me was how litfor someone to get an incomplete match, the first time the clubs have pened to me."

Jones is aware the whole healing process has been aided and abetted by his family, the medical staff of the various institutions he has attended and the stream of letters and messages of support from all over the

He has just begun a stint as a rugby analyst for the Welsh television channel, S4C, and on Saturday tle I know I knew it was quite rare will be at the Swansea-Cardiff

Jones' recovery began at the spinal injury and I had never heard met since the fateful fixture on 13 December.

> "I was actually watching games as soon as I was out of the high dependency unit and back on the ward. We would have my mother holding the television aerial out of the window so we could watch the pictures. There was never any question of me not watching or following rugby. It was difficult after what had happened but I have always played the game and many of my friends are still playing. Initially when teammates came to see me I thought differently about the position. I looked at them and couldn't really understand why they should want to play on having seen what can happen to somebody. Then I thought if it was me standing there with someone else in the bed I'm sure I would have

> carried on playing." Nevertheless, Jones, who seemed destined for an international career when he led Wales to victory over Scotland in 1988 at under-15 level, will never play again.

"Even if I make a full recovery I don't really want to be out there playing after the severity of what hap-



# Extraordinary tales of Lions, Cougars and rugby mascots

NOT A year to make the rugby ple of players less. For those of us of his relationships and subsequent league bookshelves groan under a certain age, Malcolm Reilly emfall-outs with Maurice Lindsay and the strain, but there has been one bodies those differences better than major, weighty tome and several books that are, for one reason or another, out of the ordinary.

The most significant new addition is Rugby's Great Split: Class, Culture and the Origins of Rugby League Football by Tony Collins (Frank Vass, £20). It is the most detailed and perceptive account yet of the events around the great schism.

This might be the era when we are all supposed to be mates together at least when it suits the rugby union authorities - but this book is a timely reminder that rugby league really is radically different in its underlying attitudes as well as in having a cou-

most. Reilly, by Malcolm Reilly with Ian Heads (Ironbark, unpriced), has so far only been published in Australia. In the meantime. Open Rugby magazine is trying to get some copies.

It is worth getting, because Reilly genuinely occupies a unique position in the game, as the only Pom to cut the mustard in Australia as both player and coach.

The single-mindedness that made that possible is evident in this well above average autobiography. especially in his descriptions of "getting his retaliation in first" as a marked man at Manly in the 1970s. Rugby Rebel by Alan Tait with

Bill Lothian (Mainstream, £14.99) is representative of a genre that has only recently become possible - the memoir of a union player turned to league and back to union.

The mystery of Tait's latter years is how a player stagnating in Leeds' reserves could emerge as one of the heroes of the Lions in South Africa. Tait's account of his relationship

with the then Leeds coach, Dean Bell, goes some way towards answering that question. The only person he is less complimentary about is his Lions room-mate, He is strong, too, on the subject of Jeremy Guscott. "Looking back," he

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Today: Rugby League

writes, "I really can't believe that I made such an effort to get onside with Mr High and Mighty Guscott. Maybe if he'd slogged it out at Featherstone on a wet Tuesday in December he might have been entitled to that sort of respect from me. All he really seemed concerned about... was whether I farted in my

The Memoirs and Sporting nostalgia, then Daring to Dream by

Life of Tom Mitchell (Echotime Brian Lund (Reflections of a Bygone this, although my recollections of the Inc, £16) is the year's most engaging autobiography. The grand old eccentric of rugby league, who died in September, did not just have one good life story to tell; he had several and wove them into a quite extra-not just of rugby league but of British ordinary, if sometimes rambling.

piece of work.

Leeds Rugby League Club compiled by Phil Caplan and Les Hoole (Tempus, £9.99) is one of the Images of England series and a visually rewarding collection. It is worth getting down from the shelf for its cover, a quite wonderful sepia team group of the Leeds and New Zealand players who met at Headingley in 1907.

Age, £6.95) is, despite the name of its publishers, an exploration of recent history, of fresh wounds and wrongs

It is an account of the rise of the Keighley Cougars, a phenomenon sport in the way they went from moribund to vibrant in the early 90s.

Keighley were ultimately denied their place at the game's top table by the arrival of Super League. There is no attempt here to disguise the bitterness - nor should there be.

Their amateur neighbours, Keighley Albion, are the subject of Seasons to Remember by Don and Dave Kirkley (Empire Publications, If that is basically an exercise in £6.95). No amateur rughy league club has had its history chronicled like

early 80s are that playing them - or any other side in Keighley - was a more frightening experience than emerges here.

Over the hill and in the big city, the Bradford Bulls have been innovators in many spheres of the game. Predictable, then, that they should be the first to publish a children's book based on their mascot - Buliman and the Mystery of the Missing Boots (Bradford Bulls,

I look forward to the sequels. Bullman and the Mystery of the Missing Super League Points and, just possibly Bullman and the Mystery of the Missing Spectators.

Dave Hadfield

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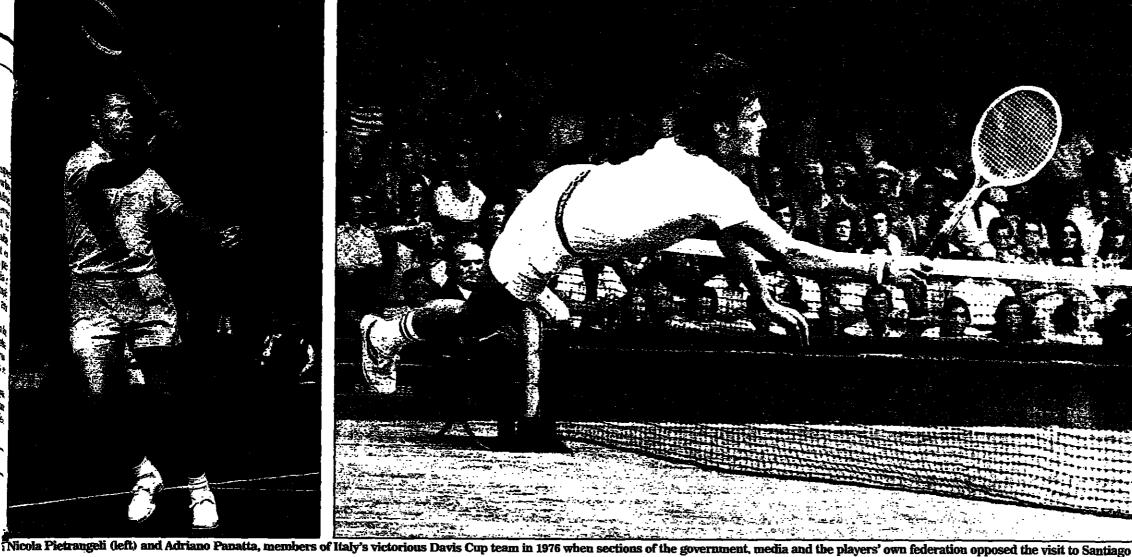
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# Pietrangeli and the dictators

The prospect of sending a Davis Cup team to Pinochet's Chile 22 years ago divided Italy -

but their captain's battle to play was rewarded with victory. By John Roberts in Milan

enth Davis Cup final tomorrow, the first one at home, when Sweden visit the Fila Forum here. Italy's only win was in Chile in 1976, a victory threatened by the Pinochet regime.

Nicola Pietrangeli, Italy's post prolific Davis Cup cometitor, was the team's captain 22 years ago. Pietrangeli's biggest struggle was against sections of the Italian government and his own tennis federation. Sports writers, political commentators and newspaper proprietors were also divided by whether Italy should send a team to Santiago.

Gianni Clerici, of La Repubblica, was then writing for Il Giorno. "I had to resign from fuscisti". The chanting was ormy paper, because my paper yas running the opinion that we should not go," Clerici recalled. "The tennis federation had

young guys who threw things from the windows. New words were adapted to Domenico Modugno's song "Volare", and

I remember the leftist kids chanting, Non si giocano vole, con il boia Pinochet' [one has not to play volley against hang-Rino Tommasi, of La

Gazzetta dello Sport, remembers hearing chanting in front of the parliament building. "We are not to play, even a set against Pinochet', and another one went, We are not sending our tennisti, to play against ganised by the Communists." "Socialists, too," Clerici reminded him.

"Whatever." Tommasi said.

the left to me are Communist. relationship with Chile, Roma-Gianni doesn't agree, but that's my opinion. My political position is extremely on the right."

Tommasi "went to war" with Gazzetta. "I was for going [to Chile], my paper was against it. One day I read the front page headline, Why Not'. The article was not signed, but I knew the journalist who wrote it and I knew the editor agreed with the article. It explained the main reason we shouldn't go to play in a country run by Pinochet, blah, blah, blah, blah,

"I knew it was a unique opportunity to win the Davis Cup. Chile had the weakest team who ever reached the final. But that was not the only reason I was for going. It was

nia had an economic relationship with Chile, Russia had an economic relationship with Chile. Why shouldn't we go?"

Ubaldo Scanagatta, of Lo.

Nazione, was encouraged by his editor to present a balanced view. "I was asked to write the pros and cons," Scanagatta said. "Our readers were more central and right than left, so we were in favour of playing the match. I thought if we didn't go it would be even better for Pinochet, because he would have made a big promotion in his country about being champions of the world. But if it hadn't been for Pietrangeli. I don't think Italy would have

in my own column."

team's right to play where in-Panatta winning his two sindustrialists did business. gles matches and partnering "Pietrangeli was very brave to Paolo Bertolucci to win the speak in public," Clerici said. doubles. "Pinochet didn't come to the He said it was right to go to tennis," Clerici said. "They had Chile, and that there were plen-

ty of dictatorships on earth. He four generals who were running received menaces, anonymous the country. One of them, General Leigh, who was in charge of the air force, went to the letters and phone calls. "The Russians had withdrawn from the semi-finals begame. I remember that a cause they didn't want to play helicopter, or a small plane, with Chile, so Chile went to the went very close to the stadium. final easily. It was a tough proband so the crowd got an occasion to whistle at General Leigh lem. It was sorted out in the because the aircraft disturbed end. The centre party, the Christian Democrat Govern-The majority of people in ment, was formed, and we were

able to go. Even I was rein-Chile seemed to be for stated (by Il Giorno) and was Pinochet, which for us was very allowed to write what I wanted surprising, because our press had spoken about a total dicta-

what he had done. He had killed people. But the situation was very tough. They still had a curfew at

night, but we spoke with a few of the people, and the impression was that the situation went so bad with [overthrown prime minister Salvador] Allende that the majority at that time - it changed, of course - was for

Tomassi remembers the sportsmanship of the Chilean spectators. "It was one of the finest receptions we ever had from the crowd," he said. "South Americans don't have the best reputation - probably, after the Italians, they have the worst - but we were very well treated. And as soon as we won the doubles, because we won two singles on the first day, the crowd asked our players to do a lap of honour. The atmos-

### Eagles' dream ended by Young

ICE HOCKEY

BY IAN PARKES

AYR SCOTTISH EAGLES suffered another heartbreaking night in Europe on Tuesday when just 53 seconds away from making British ice hockey history. Eagles needed one point from their final divisional game in Mannheim to reach the second round of the European Hockey League but were denied by a last-gasp winner from the Germans.

Jim Lynch's side suffered an agonising 6-5 defeat having led three times in a pulsating game in which there was never more than one goal between the teams. David St Pierre gave the reigning grand slam champions the lead in the first period, by the end of which the scores were tied as Christian Lukes levelled.

John Parco restored Ayr's advantage early in the second. but Mannheim were ahead going into the final period with goals from Paul Stanton and Jason Young on the powerplay.

The last 20 minutes proved a rollercoaster for Ayr as they pulled level through Matt Hoffmann at 43.28, only to go behind again just over two minutes later when Pavel Gross found the net.

But Eagles turned the tie around when Mark Montanari and St Pierre netted within the space of 47 seconds, before foul trouble led to Dave Tomlinson capitalising on the powerplay to make the score 5-5 with seven minutes remaining. Just when it looked as if the Eagles would hold out as they defended desperately in the dying stages. Young sent Mannheim through to join the Russian champions, Kazan, who had earlier beaten Czech side Litvinov 3-2.

In the Sekonda Superleague, Cardiff Devils closed the gap on leaders Manchester Storm to four points - and with two games in hand - producing a 3-2 win at London Knights.

A Doug McEwen strike sandwiched a brace from Mario Simeone as Cardiff came from behind to set up a vital clash against Storm at the MEN

## Goodway laments Britain split

THE NATIONAL coach, Andy RUGBY LEAGUE Goodway, believes the chances of a home success at the World BY DAVE HADFIELD arkedly diminished by the opting for Scotland and Iestyn decision - announced at the end of a two-day meeting of the In- ham regulars for Wales, Goodternational Federation in Sydney - not to tackle the might of series with New Zealand will be Australia and New Zealand decimated. "It was tough with a full Great Britain team. enough before, now it's going to

teams representing England. Ireland, Scotland and Wales to gain £750,000 of Sports Council funding as part of the World Class Performance Programme. Britain in 2000, making it the Gary Connolly and Terry O'Connor, for example, have

committed themselves to Ire- has cleared the way for Russia land and, with Dale Laughton to take part, with the other

Harris and Keiron Cunningway's squad for the recent Test The Rugby Football League make it even harder," Goodway has opted to field separate said. "But they've got to go with separate countries to get the funding and that's more important than my ego."

There are to be 16 teams in game's biggest-ever tournament. The meeting in Sydney

place to be decided between nations such as Canada, the United States, Morocco, Moldova. Japan, Lebanon and Italy. A pre-World Cup competition could determine the qualifier.

Already included in the draw, to be held next February, are South Africa, where the revival of the World Nines will be held that month. The decision to stage the tournament in long-range, touch-finding kick Johannesburg for the next three years will be a boost to the game in South Africa, which is also to host an extra Test match next November.

Great Britain and New Zealand are to meet at Ellis Park on 12 November, a week Sydney. The meeting has also will continue to apply.

approved a number of rule changes that will apply in Britain next season. The experiment of having

the scoring side restarting play with the kick-off is to end and the extra tackle when a team fields a kick will no longer apply, but the "40/20" rule, in use in Australia is to be extended to Britain. It rewards a by giving the attacking side the head and feed at the scrum.

In international matches, coaches will be able to make an unlimited number of changes, although there can still only be four named substitutes. In domestic matches in Britain. after the Tri-Nations final in the existing limit of six changes

# WIN AN EVENING WITH SOME OF YOUR PORTING HEROES AND A

The Independent and the Australian Tourist Commission have teamed up to offer one lucky reader and a friend or partner the chance not only to dine with some of Britain's most famous sporting heroes at the Sports Writers Association Annual Dinner at the London Hilton on Monday 14th December, but also the opportunity to fly to Sydney and visit the

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### Rain delays leave | Tyson faces threat Westwood on hold of 20 years in jail

LEE WESTWOOD will lead the way when the Million Dollar Challenge is launched at the can do well if he manages his Gary Player Country Chib, Sun game correctly, but we will see City South Africa, today - if the how he does in that thick kiknyu torrential rain relents. The Lin-rough," he said. coinshire player, who, together with Colin Montgomerie, forms a two-man British representation in the 12-player event, will partner Bernhard Langer in the brutal course for this week's

But three inches of rain fell in 14 hours yesterday, and the Prior, said: "It doesn't look good for tomorrow, but we'll try to get in at least nine holes if we can. off, so we have the advantage

been drawn with Jesper Parnevik. Ernie Els plays with David Duval and the other pairings are Jim Furyk and Justin Leonard, Montgomerie and than staying on a fairway here." Mark O'Meara and Nick Price

and Tom Watson cerned about Woods. "Tiger and you're unplayable."

The six-times major winner, Nick Faldo, will test his emergence from a golfing abyss at what has been described as a Australian Open. Royal Adelaide, a 6,015-yard,

par-73 lay-out, has been turned tournament chairman, Tobin into a monster by Australian golf's elder statesman, Peter Thomson, whose course remodelling has been a hot topic We only have six two-balls to get in the lead-up to today's opening round.

Thomson has lengthened the Tiger Woods, making his first course, added bunkers and narappearance in the event, has rowed landing zones. One local professional said of the toughened Royal Terror': "Thomson's lost his marbles. I've got more chance of winning the lottery

Faldo did not agree. "I have no criticisms of the course," he Price, the defending cham-said. "I think it's awesome. It's pion, has singled out O'Meara, the most challenging 18 holes chance of landing a hat-trick in very thick. In some places you the event. Price was not too con- can miss a fairway by a yard,

MIKE TYSON faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading "no contest" to two assault make his return to the ring in charges. The former world heavyweight champion's plea, which stemmed from a traffic accident in a Washington suburb on 31 August, is not an admission of guilt.

It does mean, however, that Tyson could be punished with 10 years in prison for each count when the judge, Steven Johnson, sentences him in January.

Tyson said he was neither promised leniency for his plea nor any special treatment in was aware the plea could affect his probation status from a 1992 rape conviction, for which he served three years in prison. His probation period from the rape sentence ends in March. Abmielec Saucedo and

Richard Hardick reached an out-of-court settlement with Tyson to avoid a civil suit after claiming the fighter kicked and punched them after the traffic incident. "He admits to losing his temper on the side of the road," said Tyson's attorney,

Tyson had no comment on too, was surprised by the the case, but said he plans to verdict.

a fight next year against South Africa's François Botha. He had his boxing licence revoked by Nevada officials in July of last year after biting off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear during their world title fight.

Mike Callahan, the manager of the Ulsterman Eamonn Magee, yesterday lodged an official complaint with the Commonwealth Boxing Council following his boxer's controversial one point defeat by Paul Burke sentencing. He also said he on Monday. Burke, from Preston, won the Commonwealth light-welterweight title in Manchester, but there was heavy criticism of a 115-114 verdict by the referee. John Keane.

> "The decision has been made and you have to accept it but, as I expected, the outery has been immense," said Callahan. "As Eamonn Magee's manager I am obliged to lodge this complaint and seek ... a rematch." The British Boxing Board of

Control secretary, John Morris, who acted as Commonwealth supervisor, admitted that he.

# Business all dressed up for Rehearsal

FOR THOSE who lose a winning By RICHARD EDMONDSON ticket on the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day and feel least some compensation.

It is not from some dirty old final vault but rather the new £9m building which was built last year to accommodate those trying to rid themselves of a Yuletide hangover.

Premier Enclosure will not take as many with them as would have been the case in previous years. Sunbury's version of the Eton wall game should not be so tumultuous this year as the numbers will be last season. If you have paid £27 dual winners. to get in, it's always good to have your feet touch the floor.

Boxing Day falls on a Saturfering £300,000 in prize-money contests - will be completed on

George until the year 2,000. the need to jump off the grand- Such an eventuality looked stand, there is these days at rather distant in September when a horse leased by the recruitment agency on St Leger edifice that they make their day was disqualified from first final vault but rather the new place. Tim Watts, the Pertemps Group Chairman, took this rather badly. In fact, you could have fried an egg on his head.

All manner of dark warnings This season it will be that about future sponsorship subbungee jumpers landing in the sequently tumbled forth, but it now seems Mr Watts's body temperature is back to normal.

Desert Orchid, who won the King George four times, will be there, as will another horse who will be attempting to join the likes of Silver Buck, Captain limited to 3.500, 1,000 down on Christy, Pendil and One Man as

See More Business did not cause great palpitations in his camp when beaten by Suny day this year which means the Bay on his seasonal debut at Kempton two-day meeting - of- Haydock last month as that was exactly how he began his agenand featuring three Grade One da when capturing the King George last year. To maintain the symmetry the gelding will The sponsors, for the third now have to collect the Re-

Chepstow and it will be the same programme as last year,' Paul Nicholls, See More Business's trainer, said yesterday. "I was very happy with his run at Haydock because he's always a little bit rusty first time. Haydock doesn't really suit him and he ran off a 12lb higher mark than in the same race last year. He

will improve and run really well. "If everything is all right, we will then go straight to Kempton. It's a very big day trying to win a race like that and we thoroughly enjoyed it last year because we had always thought he was a decent horse.

"They are all a decent lot of horses and any race like that is very hard to win, but, according to the handicapper, he's as good as any of them. Levelweights races like the King George suit him better than handicaps now."

Challenger du Luc, last year's runner-up, is one of six entries from Martin Pipe's Fort Nicholashavne, which has vet to receive a King George winner. Saturday's Hennessy winner, Teeton Mill, is also a consideration, especially as he year, are Pertemps, who have hearsal Chase at the weekend. has gone up a stone in the "He runs on Saturday at weights and handicaps no



longer look so comfortable. The grey is also entered in the Betterware Cup at Ascot and Chepstow's Welsh National, the weights for which were is-

sued yesterday. Suny Bay is at the head of the list but it seems most unlikely that he will be asked to transport 12st around Chepstow's demanding acres on 28 December. "He would be a longshot," Simon Sherwood, the grey's trainer, said yesterday. "You can't fit every race into the 10lb. "He has proved he can horses in the handicap."

season. He either goes in the Rehearsal Chase or for the Tommy Whittle at Haydock. Then he might go for the Ericsson Chase in Ireland."

Suny Bay's defection will running," Nigel Payne, one of mean that topweight is trans- the gelding's co-owners, said ported by Britain's foremost yesterday. trundler Earth Summit. The Grand National winner relishes the murderous conditions horses but that is one of the which Chepstow often provides, problems of having a horse but even his steely frame will be tested by a weight of 11st has gone up to be one of the top

carry weight - he had 12st at the Becher meeting and carried heavy weight as a novice - so I wouldn't be saying for that reason we would be frightened of

"You would be giving lumps of weight away to some decent that has performed well and

MARY REVELEY's runners races. "Saturday was the worst continued in brilliant form yesterday. A Catterick double with a run like this. It is a funny old Jessica One and Free took her score to seven winners in three

The success is in sharp contrast to Newbury on Saturday when the Saltburn trainer saw her two star performers, Seven Towers and Marello, well beat-

day of my life and now we get game," she said yesterday. "I think as far as Marello is

concerned the ground was too heavy and she pulled too hard. but I can't really find anything wrong with Seven Towers the Hennessy was a strange race, a lot of horses ran below

#### WINCANTON

HYPERION

12.50 North Tyne 2.50 Dunbury Flyer 3.20 Southampton 1.20 Tales Of Bounty 1.50 Fortria Rosie Dawn 3.50 Walk On By

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in places).

Right-hand, gatoping course. Run-in of 200yds.

Course is NE of town on B3081. Templecombe station (service from London, Waterloo) for ADMISSION: Members 203 (Jurior Members, 17 to 22 years, 27); Tattersalls 29. Course (and cars to course) £4 (Under-rês free into all endosures). CAR PARK:

Free.

8 LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 37 warners from 146 runners (success rate 25.3%), P Nicholls 34-30 (26.2%), R Ainer 17-118 (14.4%). P Hobbs 13-30 (12.7%), R Hodges 12-115 (10.4%), Mrs J Pitman 11-63 (17.5%), B LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 22 wins from 163 rides (success rate 19.5%), R Durnwoody 21-98 (21.4%), A Thornton 12-60 (20%), C Maude 12-74 (16.2%), J Oaborne 11-53 (20.8%), R Johnson 10-40 (25%)

8 FAVOURITIES: 156 wins in 412 races (37.9%).

8 UNINERED FIRST TIME: Yagtahed (120), Killone River (15.0), Church Field (25.0), Stonecuter (35.0).

SI	Stonecutter (350), Torn Silk (visored, 350).					
-	12.50	CERNE ABBAS 'NH' NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV I) £3,000 added 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,066				
1	OPO-	ARGUABLY (313) (Mrs Colin Murray) G Balding 6 11 0 S Fox				
2	2R11-	ASHGAN (200) (A J & Mrs L Brazer) / Williams 5 TI 0				
3	0	BROWNINGS BOY (23) (59 Naylor) J Gifford 6 Tt O L Aspell				
4	-066	BRUSH OFF (253) (M E R Alisopp) Miss H knight 5 ft 0 G Upton				
5		CLONSHIRE CASTLE (21) (Poter Luft) P Hobbs 5 tt 0 R Widger (7)				
6	53-33	JET SPECIALS (16) (The Jet Stationery Company Ltd) Mrs J Planan 5 11 0 D Leafny				
7	0-3P02	MANKIND (14) (D) (J A T de Ciles) J De Ciles 7 ft 0 Atr A Charles-Jones				
θ	6P335	MISSED CALL (200) (Pamela, Lady Neison of Stafford) M Tompkins 6 11 0 J Tizzard				
9	12-2	NORTH TYNE (17) (Lady Talbot of Majeryde) R Alner 4 ti 0				
10	434	ROSEY BOY (13) (Mass Panda Wilson & Mr M S Wilson) M Pitman 5 11 0 J Oathorne				
Π		STRONG MAGIC (10) (T A Johnsey) Miss C Johnsey 6 11 0				
υ	5-4	YORKSHIRE EDITION (15) (Robert Ogden) P Nicholls 5 to 0				
IJ	560	TACHOMETER (13) (Richard Carrard) H Home 4 10 9				

— 13 declared — BETTING: 9-2 Jet Speciale, 5-1 North Tyne, Yorkshire Edition, 8-1 Ashgan, 10-1 Brownings Boy, Rosey Boy, 12-1 Brush Off, Clorishire Castle, Allessed Call, 16-1 others 1997: No corresponding race

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Arguably: Well besten in two novice hurdles and pulled up in another Ashgan: Former pointer, winter in May on his last two starts. One to note in the betting Brownings Boy; 33-1, beaten 34 lengths when never-dangerous severith of 12 to Foreier Noble in novice hurdle at Huntingdon 12m, good to firm!, Has to improve markedly Brush Off: Looks sort to do better but has not shown much ability so far, well beaten when sooth in novice hurdles (both at around 2m4f) at Tearnton and Towceater in Mearch Clonshive Castic: Fifth of 12 in a Huntingdon bumper 8-1 but pulled up before 3 out in 12-runer novice hurdles (both at around 2m4f) at Washton and Towceater in Mearch Jot Specials: Decembrained at Ludlow (2m5f, good) following month. Probably best watched Jet Specials: Decembrained in Not For Parnot at Wincanton and 2014 lengths that to Taz Exempt at Kempton. Marked morowement is expected with todays step up in my Mainkind: Huntier chase winner in April 1997. Modest over hurdles and has had plenty of chances, 9 lengths second in a selling handcap last time. Unlikely to be good enough Missed Call: Timb in good-ground novice hurdles at Fakenham (2m) and Southwell (2m2f) in the spring. Should stay further than that, but well beaten on two previous attempts North Tyne: Useful bumper tom, beating Rios king at Kempton on debut and numerup to same horse at Chepsitow 7-2, 11% lengths second to Polar Flight in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m4f, good to soft) last month, Leading contender on both sets of form Rosey Boy; Progressive efforts in novice hurdles, 12 lengths that of 6 to Holborn Hill at Ascot Tam, good to soft) 2m6 may prove too snort, and improvement needed anywey to the politic facility of t Rosey 809: Progressive efforts in novice hurdles, 12 lengths that of 6 to Holborn Hill at Ascid Tam, good to soft) 2m6 may prove too short, and improvement needed anyway Strong Magic: Brother to Sparky Gayle, Easily best effort when 101/2 lengths 6th of 12 to Double Tempo at Windson (2m41, good to soft) 10 days ago. One to consider Vorkshire Edition: Second (avourine hampered when fifth of 14 in Luddow bumper in May 6-4 from 3-4 but soundly beaten when fourth of 8 to Storm Of Gold on hurdling debut at Haydock. (2m41 good to soft) on return. Well thought of and worth another chance Tachometer. Fair form in two good-ground bumpers but was beaten 44 lengths when eighth of 10 to firsh in novice hurdle at Exeter (2m11, good to soft) tast mornin.

VERDICT: Jet Specials is from a stable in form and looks sure to put in a bold show stepped up in time, but NORTH TYNE is another with plenty of scope for imshow seppera up of the birds in North TYNE is another with plenty of acope for improvement, and he was a better hours in bumpers last season. There are two interesting dark horses in winning pointer Ashgen and the Paul Nicholo brained Yorkshire Edition, both of whom have been the subject of good reports from their trainers, the latter being described as "my favourite among the younger horses" before his disappointing hurding debut 15 days ago. Strong Magic should also be considered.

1.20 CHARD JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,900 added 3YO 2m Penalty Value £2,288

23	MASTER CASTER (18) (1 Might Se Ten" Partnership) G McCourt 10 12
	MILAD (F96) (Mrs Joyce Wood) K Bell 10 12
34	NOBLE DENIAND (12) (Mrs & A Haycock) G Balding 10 12
	ONE TO GO (F41) (J M Cook) G Charles-Jones to P
	RED RISK (F38) (F Jones) S Knight 10 12
3	TALES OF BOUNTY (12) (Mrs Michael Meredith) D Elsworth 10 12.
	THE GENE GENIE (12) (Fieldspring Recing) M Heaton-Ells 10 12
-	TOM PADDINGTON (F37) (M S Wison, Mrs Wilson) H Montson 10 12
4	YAJTAHED (19) (Nok Clark) G L Moore 10 12
	BRIETECHE (FR) (15) (Gerry Scanion & Miss J Kirk) M Pipe 107R Greene B
	HARLESTONE LANE (7) (Mrs S Geen) D Burchell 10 7
	- 16 declared -
G: 4-1	Tales Of Bounty, 9-2 Noble Demand, 11-2 Breteche, 13-2 Felcon Sale, 7-1 Yellshed,
	Genie, 10-1 Pields Of Oreach, 12-1 Mester Caster, Teru Peditington, 14-1 others

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in Sale: Won a claiming hurdle in France in June. Failed to run on when left in reacts determined the service of the

Inch Perfect: Feir form at 1m2f on first of two runs on Flat this summer. We Inch Perfect: Fair form at fm21 on first of two runs on Flat this summer. Seakened halfway when pulled up (25-1) in novice hundle at Herstond (2m1f, good Weakened halfway when pulled up (25-1) in novice hundle at Herstond (2m1f, good) in October Lawyer's Dreem: Soon besten when tailed off at Ultioxeter (2m, soft) on racing debut Master Cester: Fair form at 7 to fm27 on Flat for Mirs Remeden. Placed over turbles at Ludow and Windsor, beaten 11 lengths when thed (\*faitahed 2 lengths further backly to Mothers Help at Windsor (good to soft). Will have to improve on that Millad: Showed ability on the Flat as a 2yo, but disappointing at 3 except when third over fm2/f in August. Probably best watched on his hundling debut.

Noble Demand: Fairly useful on Flat, Has also shown plently of ebility over hundles, behind with-manne womens. Ketaring at Newton; (non-file) and Mills Comben at Assort.

(2m, good to soft). This looks a much easier task and he should be placed at least One To Go: Modest Flat form at 61/71 for Jack Berry, malden winner in October Red Risk: Poor form at best on Flat at up to 1m for Peter Harris, yet to wat

Red Riskt: Poor form at best on Flet at up to 1m for Peter Harris, yet to wan tales Of Bounty: Fair but disappointing middle-distance maiden on Flat, Hurding debut and 31% lengths ahead of Noble Demand when they were third and fourth to Miss Orphan at Ascot. Sont to do better, and a leading contender in this company The Gente Genile: Fair form at up to 1m on Flat (lightly raced). Not an easy ride in that sphere and hung markedly right closing stages when 8 lengths third to Dan-gerous Precedent at Huntingdon (2m, good) on an otherwise promsing hurding debut Tom Paddington: Fair middle-distance 3yo, malden winner at Seth (heavy) on Oc-tober 27. One to repect if that ability is reproduced over hurdles Yaitahed: Blinkered first time, improved to win 1m handicap on soft ground in Octo-ber 2 lengths behind Master Caster at Wincanton on hurding debut window bink-ers, but they are fitted today and marked incrovement could see him no close

ers, but they are fitted today and marked improvement could see him go closs Bretache: Second in tim2f Franch claimer in May, 1-2, set strong pace when sec-and at Fortivel (2m2), good to firm) in September, 1½ lengths selmed in second when failing at the last at Hereford (Fuero Real weet held), improvement needed Hartestone Lane: Modest, lightly-raced meiden for John Dunlop, 6-1 in 11-runner race. ating rider at the third in selling hurdle at Taunto

vesuly rearripered when unseasing rider at the stard in selling hundle at Taunton VERDICT: TALES OF BOUNTY and Noble Demand were two of the best of these on the Pist and their third and fourth places behind Miss Oriphen at Ascot are the best hundles form on offer here. It would not be a great surprise to see their placings reversed, but Tales Of Bounty departy has the edge on their performances that day. Tom Padding-ton has decart Patt form to recommend him, while there is also the significant possibility of a second improved display from Yajtahed with the application of blinkers.

1.50 TATTERSALLS (IRELAND) MARES' NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) 25,500 added 2m Penalty Value 23,701 

BETTING: 2-1 Stasinghurst Flyer, 9-4 Fortrie Rosie Dawn, 7-2 Solazzi, 10-1 Pearl's Choice, 16-1 Kilitone River 1897: Mrs Em 5 10 12 T J Murphy evens fav (P Nicholls) 5 ran

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Stastinghurst Flyer: Unseated niter on two of her last four starts but won handicaps (2m, good; both this season) at Heritord and Ludlow on the other two. Only a low-grade performer and apparently taces a stiffish task under penalties here, but she looks clearly the most shely to give her running – if she gets round sufely Pearl's Choice: 2m-til winner over tences in May, but pulled up both starts since 3m rather than 2m would seem more her trip on past evidence. Acts on soft ground Fortha Roste Daws: Faller or three of last 6 starts, but reproduction of form required to be second Climit with on mannergance last term would use her body in contention. be second (2m4t, soft) or reappearance last term would see her bang in contention Killione River: Very little form in novice chases and first-time blinkers book a last resort Soliazzi: Has the most ability of these judged by her first-time-out with in novice hundle a Wincanton (2m6t good to soft) in March. Did not reproduce that form and the step down to 2m is unlikely to be in her layour

VERDICT: The value selection could wall be SOLAZZI, who won when tresh last season. Stasinghumst Flyer has plenty of waight but is in form, while Fortria Rose Dawn (trained by Veneta Williams, who has such a good strike rate) is the other one to con-

.20	SUNLEY BA	Y CONDITION	NALS' HAN	DICAP CHASE (I Value £3,126	Ξ)
300P5-	DECYBORG (FR)	187) (D) (Terry Neil	M Pipe 7 12 0	G Supp	ile

-7 declarati -BETTING: 5-2 The Cockerton, 7-2 Khoekalia, 9-2 Eksus, 13-2 Decyborg, 7-1 Sharp Thyne, 8-1

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Decyborg: Won twice over lences early last year and then won staying hundles. Has the ability to defy the burden in this grade and a danger to the supposedly fitter rivals Klimington: Lifed this course in his hunding days and better chance today after the lasts distant 3nd to hopped Grossenor in testing ground at Fontwell. Better ground here will also suit, though stable out of louch at present

Sharp Thyre: Won staying hurde at Hereford in September and stayed on when to On My Toes at Taunton last time. Previously a winning pointer but hasn't really lot the part of late and best watched Kinnehalia: Decent hurder with a Sandown win last season and came from a hot Chelterinarn hurdle to win over tences at Ludiow (beat Dancetilyoudrop 7 lengths). Had shown earlier promise over tences but needs to improve to reverse course running with

race) after the course win (2m5il) from Hum in Haw and Koo's Promise. Leading chance at the weights and has won over 3m at Windsor The Cockerton Construct of Construct too: Good win at Southwell after a lengthy lay-oif and trip too short at

Plumpton efferwards when fine 2nd to Piper's Rock (shade unfuciv) here last time). Under a length 2nd to Derrymore Mist over C/D last time with Kinnahalia (same lemms) over Koo's Promise: Usually runs wall on the course (both wins here) but trip a problem. Only 2to better with Eleas for the 13 langths beating here (2m5f) last month

VERDICT: Kinnshalls is the youngest member of the party and won in fine style at Ludiow but she still has to improve again to reverse course running with The Cockertoo, who has a fine chance with his staying ability and with Joe Tuzzard booked. The race is very trappy and the value could be had with ESLIS, a winner on the course and with talented northern-based Richard McGrath booked.

2.50	CERNE ABBAS 'NH' NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV II) £3,000 added 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,066
	CEANNAIRE (18) (P Winkworth) P Winkworth 8 11 0
PPP-09	CHURCH FIELD (16) (Bruce Berham) C Popham 5 to 0

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3	3.2	DEVONSHIRE (36) (Bif) (Robert Ogden) Mass V Williams 5 71 0
4	20-3	DUNEBURY PLYER (13) (Graham Dalzel) J Old 6 11 ()
5	004-F0	EASTDON GOLD OUST (30) (M A Swift) R Baker 5 to 0
6	206-60	GURU RINPOCHE (27) (PATylor) R Frost 6 to 0 J Frost
7	206-0	SEEF (30) (Ars S Horton) J King 4 ti 0
8	3408	SILVER SPROCCO (234) (F.) Sansbury) Mrs M. Jones 6 TI 0
9	250-3	STEEPLES LAD (21) (Mrs Lome Berryman) N Twiston-Davies 5 11 0 T Jenk
TD	000-0	THE ISLANDER (22) (A G F Leather) G Balding 5 11 0
Ħ	33	UPHAM LORD (14) (The Brushmakers) P Hotos 5 11 0
12	65-6	YEOMAN SAILOR (35) (Mrs Jil Eymon & Mr Robin Bynon) Mrs J Pitman 4 11 0.D Lash
13	460FP-	CAUSEEN OF THE STATE (196) (R L Scorgle) N Mitchell 9 to 9

- 13 declared BETTING: 11-4 Devonstrire, 3-1 Steeples Lad, 7-2 Upham Lord, 6-1 Dunbury Ryar, 12-1 Silver Skricco, 16-1 Seef, Yeoman Salior, 20-1 others 1997: No corresponding race

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tire: Insh bumper wither but besten a long way behind Browjoshy at Towces

Coefficients from pumper wires out bessen a song may would be company as the (2m5t) on reappearance. Church Field: Modest in bumpers and pulled up in Towcester hurdle 18 days ago Devoratives: Encountered testing ground at Pertih last season (3rd to Prosty Light) and should be fitter for his 2nd to Over The Glen at Fontwell (2m5t) on reoppearance Durbury Phyer: Good debut 2nd to Festive Teak in Worcester bumper (flopped at Kampton afterwards) and trip too short on hurdles debut when 3rd to Elegent Des Cosses at Exeter (2m1t). Sure to do better over this type of stamma test

at cases (arm), sure to a overar over the type of starring less fold Dust: Has given the impression he wants a lest of starring, but may do better when returned to handicaps Guru Riespoche: Ex-bumper performer (2nd to Martin Pipe's Nareford Rose here on debut) but beaten a long way behind Mystere at Ultrasser (2m6i) last time. Seet: Faucutte on bumper debut (beaten 20 lengths by Perfect Fellow) and well beaten on hundles debut at Exeter (race won by Ashley Much). Longer thy to suit lodgy Silver Shocco: Looked slow over hundles lest term after bumper runs and best watched no responsations.

Steeples Lad: Slow in bumpers and 2m5t trip insufficient stamms test at Ludiow on reappearance when 18 lengths 3rd to Native Recruit. This stiffer course can only be to ha advantage The lalander: Still task on hurdles debut in Hidebounds race at Newbury (2m1f) after

The statancer's Stiff task on hurdest detail of Hidebounds race at Newbury (2m11) after three bumper runs last season. Can do better for this step up in ting. Uphtern Lord: Promising 3rd to Netive Speaker in Newbury bumper last season and atem test over hurdes here when a 7 length 3rd to Buck's Patace. Leading chance Yeoman Saffor: Creditable bumper runs at Hurtingdon and Ascot and better for his hurdes debut at Stratford (8th to Kingsmark, 2m61). Queen Of The Suir: Without a run since May and impossible to fancy on form

en when well backed in big their form." VERDICT: There was plenty to the about DUNBURY FLYER'S bumper showing at Worcester last season and this longer trip is made-to-measure after his pleasing showing over hurdes at Exeter a fortright ago. Devocathire haits from an in-torm yard and may well go close, along with Upham Lord, Steeples Laid and Yeoman Salfor. The best outsider is The Islander now that he gets a more suitable trip.

3.20 SOMERSET HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £4,202

2031 MNG OF SPARTA (14) (CD) (Mrs Richert Too) Portman 5 11 11 \_\_\_\_\_ J A McCartiny
44456 MELSTOCK MEGGIE (26) (Larly Cobram) S Sharwood 8 11 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ M Berry
4456 POLLY COR RAMES (26) (D) (Mrs C Loze) Firest 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_ J Frost
1564 HOLD YOUR RAMES (26) (D) (Mrs C Loze) Firest 11 1 1 \_\_\_\_\_ J Frost
3564 SOUTHAMPTON (26) (Hojothyrs) G Balding 8 10 15 \_\_\_\_\_ F Kentry (7) V
4PULP FULL OF BOUNCE (8) (CD) (Fieldspring Racing) R Hodges 7 10 7 \_\_\_\_\_ T Dascombe
12-542 OLLIVER DUCKETT (21) (G Waterman P Littlejohns R Hart C Popham) C Popham 9 10 0 -7 declared -

Minimum weight: 10st. True nondicap weight: Cliver Duckett 9st 7th. BETTING: 5-2 King Of Speria, 7-4 Hold Your Ranks, 5-1 Meistock Mi ton, 8-1 Oliver Duckett, 20-1 Full Of Bounce 1997: No corresponding son

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King Of Sparta: Looks suspect in a firish but retains planty of toe. Followed up Taunton win to overhaul Piper's Rock (task-tence mistake) over today's C/D, cause also helped by Noisy Minor's departure two out. 4to higher here but still the one to beat Metistock Megglic Bumper and hundle winner for Jenny Pitman and then Charlie Brookstrained when a Warwick chase scorer on disqualification of Avanti Express last season. Can be expected to be a lot sharper for her 6th to Elevus here (2m51) last month Quergic Not the hardlest in a finish and pulled up over hundles after his 2nd to Coolteen

Hero at Plumption (2m), Today's longer trop is no certainty to suit him Hold Your Ranks: Goes well when the ground is testing and finds this trip ideal. 6th higher mark for his Newton Abbot win last March and has won when tresh in the past 20b higher mark. Off the course last season and latest two starts have been in stronger races. Likely to go well here with a capable claimer abound. Full Of Bounce: Ran well to 3rd last in Mountain Path's race at Worcester last week even with some dodgy jumping Could just surprise some of these off a lenient mark. Offiner Duckett: Contested sellers prior to being no metch for Wishing William at Taumon these unsite and Min sense is the second of the sense o

uckett: Contested sellers prior aks ago. May again struggle

VERDICT: King Of Sparts is in great heart and the one to best after his latest win over the course and distance. His turn of foot has to be respected but Toby Balding's SOUTHAMPTON is very well handicapped and takes a drop in class after Chettenham and Newbury. He also has a highly competent 7th claimer abound and the stable is

3	.50	MANSTON HANDICAP HURDLE CLASS E) £3,500 added 2m Penalty Value £2,724
1	843-12	NEAT FEAT (13) (CD) (Food Brokers Ltd) D Elsworth 7 ft 10
2	33-053	TORN SILK (12) (Lady Barmlord) P R Webber 4 11 9
3	0322-P	SHEPHERDS REST (17) (D) (The Odd Dozen) S Melor 6 if 9 c. wash.
4	加馬	JURZ (17) (CD) (P Sade) R Hodges 10 H 8 . T December
5	3211F5	RUBERT'S TOY (16) (D) (Mrs Y J Whate) G Ham 7 th 12
6	F-U230	NAZIR (PH) (14) (Peter Emery) P Hotels 4 10 10
7	457044	PURITARI (F21) (D) (MCCourt Fine Meats Lid) (5 McCourt 5 to 2 W Managham
8	3623-0	WALK ON BY (20) (MIS H M HM) J Kino 4 10 6
9	5315/	STONECUTTER (F496) (D) (Miss S Deburate) J De Gáes 5 10 D

BETTING: 3-1 Neat Feat, 9-2 Torn Silk, 5-1 Punkah, 6-1 Nazir, 8-1 Junz, Robert's Toy, Walk On By,

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FORM GUIDE

Next Feat: Gamed second win on the course when bearing Advance East and decent 2nd at Ascot afterwards to the back-to-form Real Estate Beffer ground will help bioday, as will the weaker opposition.

Tom Silkc Never got into race won by Easter Ross here and stiff task when 3rd to Kinneschsh and Caulker at Haydock afterwards. Has more realistic chance the time Shaphards Rest: Not heresall last season and ran badly at Leicester on reappearance when pulled up in Once More For Luck's race.

Jurz: Progressive writing hurder and chaser until forced to mass all of tast season. Well handicapped and no surprise if he improves greatly on his comeback outing at Leicester (vestered halfway and tasked off) behind Once More For Luck Robert's Toy: Formerly trained by Martin Pipe, with latest wins gamed in sellers. May have found 2not foo far last time when safed off behind Netwe Field at Newton Abbot Nazir: Regularly rurs on this course and neck. 2nd to Little Joe in October. Carried big weight last time when a 29 length 7th to Brush With Time.

Punical: Won some decent races early last season and well weighted. Form disappointing of lase but a threat to them all it returning to his best Walk On By: Had some creditable form in his first season, finishing 2nd to Loveyoumillons have after Nazir had all ment when in second spot. 2b better with Nazir today and sure to be better for Chetterham run on reappearance.

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The course last month and he came across a rejuverated Real Estate at Ascot lead time on sticky ground. He holds a fine chance in this weaker grade and on a surface sure to sust him better. Walk on By was in a hot race at Chelterham on his reappearance and may prove himself a better stayer in his second spell, while Torn Sitk is another dropped in class after his latest outing at Hoydock.

#### LEICESTER

HYPERION

1.00 Sadler's Secret 1.30 Saras Delight 2.00 Brookhampton Lane 2.30 Capenwray 3.00 Burundi 3.30 Nessun Doro

GOING: Chase course - Good: hurdle course - Soft.

Right-hand, undurating course, Run-in of 250yds.

Course is 2m SE of city off A& Leacester station (London, St Paricras - Sheffield line) 2m. ADMISSION: Club S13; Tartersalls E10 (DAPs 56). Pronic car park C25 admits car and four occupants. CAR PARIC Free.

ELEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 9-69 (275%). D Nichotisom 10-46 (217%).

III LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 18-52 (308%). A Maguire 12-55 (218%). M A Fitzgerald 9-47 (191%). J Osborne 7-36 (194%).

BLINKERED PRSST TIME: Nessum Doro (visored, 330). LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLER: Chief Chippie (130) & Ballyline (230) sent 284 miles.

1.00 BEGINNERS JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,500 added 3YO 2m ALWAYS TRYING (F327) M Hammond (0 12 ...
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BETTING: 7-2 Errigal, 9-2 Stagray, 5-1 Sadier's Secret, 6-1 Court Ordeal, 13-2 Gold-en Hawk, 8-1 Saxon Victory, 12-1 Ivorian, 16-1 others **FORM VERDICT** 

The Imitations of such as Enrigal and Section Victory are eleady becoming apparent and the Pipe runner Sadler's Secret may do best of those with hurding expensive. But in what looks an ordinary event it may pay to go along with STMGRAY, who was the highest-case of those on the Fat and is sure to have been well prepared by Veneta Watams. Golden Hawk it another hur-

1.30 JOHN O'GAUNT MAIDEN CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 7f 110yds 

FORM VERDICT Prospero has the best handling form, but SARAS DELIGHT is entitled to the wate having shaped mostly on his chasing debut over C&D last month. The winning pointers Chatengoid and Monseon Man might be worth recking in the market, but Peavett Bridge would not look a strong Pipe challenger.

2.00 BARKBY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2m 4f 110yds 

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5 374-0 CAPTAIN MARSHALDE (F13) D Thom 9 10 12 R Massey
6 4034-5 APACHE PARK (14) (C) (0) A Streeter 5 to 2 T Eley
7 1,0500 SWEET TRENTINO (14) (D) (SF) M Eas 7 10 10 O McPhall (5)
8 500-P MORTH-FRN ACE (12) Mrs 0 Harrs 12 10 4 J Cultorly 8
9 46607 CRAZY HORSE DANCER (14) (D) F Jocks 10 10 3 J Byrne
10 1030-3 SOUTH WEST EXPRESS (11) (CD) D Winde 6 10 2 J Moglard (7)
11 43301 KILLING TIME (21) A Cerroll 7 10 1 S Durack
12 5-P332 BALINGRAL PRINCESS (9) D McCent 5 10 D T J Morphy
13 07/F60 BROOK AMBITTON LAKE (12) Mrs A J Bowby 7 10 A Maguire B
14 25-92 PARISSAN (13) JM Bradstock 6 10 0 R Studione (5)
15 500-05 OHICHARD KING (18) J Wharton 6 10 0 R Studione (5)
16 500-17 SLYPER SLIMAL (20) J O'Shed 9 10 V Stebsoy
7 JF7-06 ROSSEVER (11) S Medic 6 10 0 B Powell
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19 PP5-54 CONNELL'S CROFT (15) P Exerc 6 10 0 R T Trumton
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SETTING: 4-1 Killing Time, 5-1 Balmoral Princess. 5-1 The Minder, 7-1 South West Express, 10-1 Sweet Transline, Brookhampton Lane, 12-1 Be Brave, 14-1 othern

FORM VERDICT Only a handful worth considering and SOUTH WEST EXPRESS, from a stable that has done well this season, con repeat last year's auccess in this event. The Minder, last month's Tauriton without Killing Time and Bakmoral Princess may be his main rivale.

2.30 49'S MALLARD PAWNBROKERS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £10,000 added 2m 4f 110yds 

- 4 declared -SETTING: 1-2 Capativity, 11-4 Cataltrov, 6-1 Ballyline, 33-1 Cyborg De Beautal FORM VERDICT Another excellent opportunity for CAPENWITAY to continuo his winting opice with most of the opposition having method away at the overright stage.

3.00 KNIGHTON NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) 1 0n4-0 NORMAREY ROAD (RZ) (F77) G McCourt 7 11 2... H Other (S)
2 1 BURLINGH (T2) (CD) A Carrol 4 11 5... T J Murphy
3 BRYNKIR (F39) D Murray Smith 4 10 12... A Maguire
4 4000 BURCHORN (17) Mrs P Sy 7 10 12... O McPhall (S)
5 2 DACHA (17) Mrs M Ponturid 6 10 12... A S Smith
6 LOVEMAN (F38) K Morgan 4 10 12... A S Smith
7 22 SMART BOY (8) M Blably 4 10 12... A S Smith
8 PO THE LOBBOS (AUS) (40) J Eustace 5 10 12. M Mooney (7)
9 3FD-34 WEET AND SEE (136) (BP) T Well 4 10 12... Gary Lyons
10 0/ YOUNG MAZAAD (F141) D O'Bren 5 10 12... Gary Lyons
11 SODELK (F850) A H Harvey 4 10 7... J Cullohy
11 SODELK (F850) A H Harvey 4 10 7... P Hide
BETTING: 8-4 Dacha, 5-2 Burnolf, 5-1 Smart Boy, 6-1 Lovernan, 10-1 Normanthy Road,
Weet And Soe, 20-1 Brynkir, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT

It will be interesting to see A there is any support for either Loveman or Normaniby Road, who are having their first run in Britain. But failing positive support for either a re-run of the battle Burrandi and DACHA fought out here last month is the most likely outcome. With a 7th pull Decha is orbited to gain his

3.30 WALTHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDI-CAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 13-344 NESSUN DORO (7) (D) S Malor 8 to 0.
523342 DISTANT STORM (8) (D) B Llewslyn 5 ti 8...
120-56 COMPASS POINTER (20) (D) J Euclise 5 ti 6...
14435 BOWCLIFFE COURT (20) (D) J Alshurst 6 ti 1.
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FORM VERDICT This looks ike a no-ber handicap open desprie the numbers, with nothing in any way convincing. ILLUMINATE gats a token vote desprie womes about his fitness, having run some solid races off similar marks in soft-ground hand-

#### **Bailey bailed**

KIM BAILEY, the Lambourn trainer, has been charged over allegations that he conspired with a private investigator to commit burglary. He has been bailed to appear at Bow Street on 17 December. Bailey was initially arrested in October and released without charge. Soaked, a well-backed 2-1

favourite, failed to land his 10th win in handicap company this year when finishing fourth at Wolverhampton yesterday.



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Ashes tour: Promising young fast bowler repays England selectors by displaying willingness to learn

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# **Tudor shows** makings of a future king

POMMIE BASHING is a BY DEREK PRINGLE favourite pastime in Australia whatever the occasion. On an Ashes tour, it can reach epidemic proportions, with Aussies of both sexes sticking the verbal boot in. And yet every so often one of the English players manages to escape the derision and win over the locals. Four years ago, Darren Gough was the chosen one. This time it is Alex Tudor who has managed to corner the small market in affection for the old enemy.

The 21-year-old Tudor, you may recall, was picked in England's tour party to learn. A fast wler who spent much of last immer nursing a stress fracture of the foot. Tudor was not expected to play much of an active part in the Test series. Fortunately, as tends to happen to most of England's plans, this one got torn up, and Tudor, a ouick learner, made an impressive debut in the second Test in Perth.

Primarily a fast bowler, Tudor also impressed with his accuracy and he took five wickets, including the notable scalps of Steve and Mark Waugh. Naturally the pace and steep bounce of the pitch helped, but Tudor never once looked out of place, something that could be said for many of his

"Obviously I was overjoyed to make my debut and chuffed to have Steve Waugh as a first Test wicket," he said as England prepared to leave Perth for Melbourne, where they play Victoria on Saturday. "To be honest, it was a bit of a surprise to me that I was even on the tour. I remember switching on Ceefax, not to see if I was picked, but to see what players did make it. But now I'm here, drun't come for a holiday."

Being pitched in so soon, the time to get nervous. I only able to make a contribution ball nipped back to hit the top

in Perth

couldn't wait to get the ball in my hand."

In fact, the England captain apart, Tudor looked untroubled during his unbeaten 18, an impression he credits to working hard with Graham Gooch. as well as Mark Ramprakash. a man he refers to as his "own little batting coach".

"So often the tail's footwork has been static," he explains. "So I've been working hard to keep my footwork nimble and my knees bent." But if the tail's contribution with the bat has been a source of contention, it was with the ball that Tudor was always going to be judged.

If the nerves do not paralyse, there is always the temptation for debutants to reach beyond their grasp. Fortunately, Tudor recognised a moment when he was trying to bowl too fast and reined back. But if this showed

When Dad and his mates get together they talk your ears off about cricket, so I've become used to listening'

maturity beyond his experience, there was a moment when when it could have all

gone horribly wrong. Still wicketless, Tudor was asked to take the second new ball into the "Doctor" - the notorious wind that blows at the WACA. Sensing an opportunity to attack, Steve Waugh took three fours off him. It was a calculated assault and many would have been broken by it.

Tudor was not and he re-

"There was a time when I would have moaned and effed and blinded over such treatment. But Steve Bull, the team sychologist, has helped me a lot with that. As I now see it I've got lots of balls at my disposal, while the batsman has one mistake before he's back in the pavilion."

There is the makings of a wise young head there, but England have pitched young fast bowlers into Ashes tours before - with mixed results. In 1970-71, Bob Willis came out as a replacement and made his Test debut, going on to become England's leading strike bowler for the next 14 years. Twelve years later Norman Cowans, bowled quick for four Tests, before settling for medium pace and a career in county

If ambition plays a key part in shaping destiny Tudor is more likely to follow the Willis route than the one taken by

"I've always wanted to be a fast bowler," he says, candidly admitting that his elder brother, Raymond, was the one with the talent. Five years older, Raymond was also on the Surrey staff before breaking down with a double stress fracture of

Like many children growing up in England, Tudor did not have regular access to cricket at school. "We probably had four or five games a term." recalls Tudor, who went to school in Wandsworth. In fact it was his father's enthusiasm for the game that acted as his main inspiration, and he remembers being taken down to Alf Gover's indoor school with his brother for an hour on Saturday mornings.

"Coming from Barbados. Dad, like most West Indians, fast bowler did not really have torted not by banging it in short knows his stuff. He was good get together they talk your ears these bowlers in him, not least -beloved by many fast bowlers enough when he was younger found out in the morning, so I - but by pitching it up. Expect- to be invited to have trials for used to listening," he says with ping 15st. Yet Graham Gooch, wasn't too bad. It helped that we ing something else, Waugh's Barbados. When he moved to a chuckle. But if that is fairly unbatted first, especially as I was footwork was a mess and the England he played for London typical of modern youth, the fact on to young players starting out. Transport and the Barbados that he neither smokes nor is keen to play down any comand the runs definitely allowed of middle and off to give Tudor Cavaliers." Now father, like drinks, stands him apart. me to settle. After that I a memorable first Test scalp. son, works at the Oval and



both he and Tudor's mother are expected here for Christmas. For a young man Tudor has

a reputation as a good listener. and when not picking up tips from England's bowling coach, Bob Cottam, he speaks to his father by phone almost every other day:

"When Dad and his mates off about cricket, so I've become that he is 6ft 5in tall and a strap-His role models are the West being.

Indies quicks from the early Eighties, bowlers like Joel Garner, Michael Holding, Malcolm Marshall, and Courtney Walsh. Indeed, he often talks to Walsh and Marshall, hoping for pointers.

Anyone who saw him bowl at the WACA, could not have failed to see there are elements of all wary of the expectations thrust parisons, at least for the time

"He's a young lad and I don't he also thought, by way of want to go overboard about criticism, that the selectors him." Gooch said. "At the moment he's just clinging to that bottom rung of the Test match ladder. Obviously he's shown normally do". good potential and maturity and we're delighted with that.

technique and his fitness. tious in his outlook, it still nents. In fact when a potential takes a lot to impress an thoroughbred is discovered. Aussie on his home patch. Ian and Tudor has the makings, he Chappell, never one to pass must be allowed his head in all round the compliments, said manner of conditions. Only he felt Tudor had the makings then will he discover what is of a good fast bowler. Mind you, needed to win the race.

He's worked hard at both his

would probably "stick him back in the deep freezer when you get to Adelaide, as they He has a point. Horses for

courses may be an appropriate motto when you have the riches to follow it. but England are If Gooch is justifiably cau- not as blessed as their oppo-

### Sprinter **Jones** feels the pressure

#### ATHLETICS

MARION JONES yesterday admitted to feeling the pressure of expectation on her to break the world sprint records of the late Florence Griffiths Joyner.

Her comments came after she won the Jesse Owens Memorial Award on Tuesday night as the outstanding woman athlete in the United States this year.

"I think the world records are possible, but  $\Gamma m$  not going to say they're going to happen." the 23-year-old athlete said. "Before my career ends, maybe they will happen. But I don't need the pressure [of thinking about them]."

Joyner, who was known as Flo Jo and died earlier this year, set records of 10.49sec for the 100m and 21.34 sec for the 200m. This year, Jones ran 10.65 and 21.62.

Jones has been competing full-time for only 18 months. She, along with the men's Owens Award winner, John Godina, and some other young athletes, are being counted on to resurrect the sport in America.

"Track and field in the United States is in a terrible state," she said. "But the idea of the younger athletes trying to bring the sport back to the popularity of years ago is unfair. We can run fast, jump high and throw far, but somebody else has to contribute to bring back the sport. That's too much pressure [for us].

Godina agreed. "It's unfair to heap the problems in the sport on people who were not there when the problems began," Godina, 26, said. "It's a challenge, but I think it can be brought back."

Jones won 36 consecutive finals in the 60m, 100m, 200m, 400m and long jump during the 1998 season before finishing second to Germany's Heike Drechsler in the long jump at the World Cup in Johannesburg. South Africa. Godina was a world leader in two events. He huried the shot putt 21.78m and threw the discus 69.9m.

Because of their prowess, the two are among the most highly sought track and field athletes in the world, but plan to compete less in 1999 than they did this year.

Since the 200m is the only one of Jones' three major events that will be a Grand Prix event next year, she plans to concentrate on that race leading up to the World Championships in Seville, Spain. There, she will go for four golds medals - in the 100m, 200m, long jump and a relay. She will miss the entire indoor season.

Godina will throw at only three indoor meets, including the USA Championships at Atlanta and the World Championships at Maebashi, Japan. He then will compete on a limited basis on the lucrative European circuit, so he will be at his peak in his quest for a shot-discus double at the World Championships.

# Stewart calls on father's expertise to recover form

his father, Micky, in an attempt defeat inside three days. to iron out the flaws in his batting which have prevented the handful of players at optional England captain making an nets at the WACA yesterday Ashes Tests.

Stewart has made just one half century in eight first-class innings on tour and 49 runs in his four Test appearances at the stumps, completing a miserable match in Perth with a secondinnings duck to hasten Eng- since arriving in Australia.

impact during the opening two and utilised the expertise of his father, the former England coach, who is in Australia on holiday to watch his son's first Ashes series as captain. The pair had two sessions and spent time talking together about Stewart Jnr's technical flaws

However, he was one of a

The captain has never scored

"We always have a couple of sessions a year." Micky said. that he was not over-concerned "We usually get together before a tour and again after a tour just to have a look at things and how he's playing."

a century against Australia and averages a mere 25 in Ashes games compared with 41 against other opponents; of only nine single-figure scores made in an unbroken run of 30 Tests. seven have come against them.

Yet he insisted yesterday about his form. "He [Micky] knows my game better than anyone so it makes sense to use him while he's here."

Stewart's Surrey team-mate Graham Thorpe was also at the nets struggling to rediscover the brilliant form which marked his start to the tour, but was interrupted by fresh concerns about his troublesome back. Thorpe had surgery during

back spasms which had dogged him for over a year, but after the long flight from Brisbane to Perth for the second Test he woke up the following day with stiffness which restricted his mobility. After four days' rest and acupuncture treatment. Thorpe returned to the nets vesterday in an attempt to prove his fitness for this weekend's match against Victoria in

last summer to correct the

to put himself in line for selection, providing his back stands up to today's three and a half hour flight. "I feel as if I have been play-

ing fine on the tour," Thorpe said, "but it gets a little bit frustrating when you have to sit down for a few days and miss out. I have to keep working on it will be fine again playing on my fitness to build my stamina a day to day basis but at the up to get through games on a moment I am working bloody regular basis. The reason you hard to get through it all."

He came through unscathed get frustrated by it is because you don't really know what's

"The operation I had two and a half months ago came after 10 years of playing virtually constant cricket but it gets to a stage where maybe it's a little bit harder doing that.

"Maybe in six months' time

### WINDSOR

12.40 NEMISTO (nap) 1.10 Hawaiian Youth (nb) 1.40 Floristan 2.10 River Leven 2.40 Queen's Ride 3.10 Grasp The Nettle 3.40 Another Night

GOING: Good to Soft (Good on top kop).

Level, with sharp turns, and long straights.

Course is N of fown on A308 near junction 6 of M4. Stations at Windsor Fiverside (Service from London, Paddington) and Windsor Riverside (Service from London, Waterloo) Im. River bus stops at course, ADMISSION: Culb C14; Tattersalls £10; Silver Ring 24. CAR PARK; Culb £2; remainder £1.

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FAVOURITES: 64-234 (359%)

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None. 12 40 FAREWELL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E)

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FORM VERDICT A couple of interesting possibilities, notably Super Monarch, among the unfaced/lightly-raced types, but GRECIAN DART has acquitted himself well enough in stronger company recently to suggest that he will be difficult to best at this level. Namisto should get into the money.

1.10 ROUS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 5f CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 5f

1 29: INLECTABUCK (988) (D) K 38ky 8 £7. Mr R Forristal (7)

2 363-4 HAWARIAN YOUTH 25; (CD) 6 McCoun to 72. Mr N Feith (7)

3 21-42P PHILATELIC (21) (0) R After 7 £0. Mr S Stronge (7) B

4 307-5 NOCATCHING (7) (D) K CAMPTOLO 9 11 6 Mr S Stronge (7) B

5 013-62 CHEENY CHARLIE (17) G L Moore 6 11 5 Mr I Mongen (7) B

5 023-P RIVER BAY (19) Mass H Kragn 7 17 3. Mr A Dempsey (3)

7 3F1C SCOBIE GIFL (275) (D) (3F) J Malins B 10 13. Mr A Dempsey (3)

8 20-93 TELLAPORKY (159) R Smyson 9 10 7 Mr J Owen (7)

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8 25-71 Mr J Scobie Girl, 7-2 River Bay, 5-1 Injectabuch, Hawarian Wouth, Cheeky Cherle, 7-1 Philatelic, 25-1 Tellaporky, 33-1 Nocatonim

FORM VERDICT A market move for long-absent Injectabuck would be significant - Km Bailey has landed the odd gamble in similar circumstances in the pest -but his tack of experience over fences is a worry, and this probably rests between Philiatelle and SCOBIE GIRL. The last named could be well in and, though lacking a recent outing, the booking of Alan Dempsey is a

1.40 FAREWELL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV II) £3,000 added 2m 4-540 BANJO HILL (28) C Weeden 4 10 12....... 0-23P4 BRONHALLOW (13) Mrs 8 Wertig 5 10 12...... CAMEDEN ROAD Mrs 8 Edwards 5 10 12 ...... M A Fizgerald

B Feeton

N Williamson

X Alepura (1)

M Braman 03 COPPER COIN (24) N Henderson 4 To 2
2-20 DRAGON LORD (16) (0) R Rowe 4 To 2
ELORISTAN (238) K Bailby 4 To 2
ELORISTAN (248) D THE POLYMATH (19) P Chammags 5 to 2 C Licensitys 6 VELMEZ (8) R Mathon 5 to 2 S Wysme P DOUBLE FLIGHT (33) Mass B Sentiers 4 to 7 JR Kensnagh 

BETTING: 5-2 Copper Coln, 4-1 Pioristan, 9-2 Dragon Lord, 6-1 Bronhallow, 8-1 Banja Hill, 10-1 Silpatream, 16-1 Poker School, 20-1 others Markedly the weaker of the two divisions of the event, and probably with-in the capabilities of lightly-recad COPPER COIN, who can improve on his form to date.

2.10 BDO STOY HAYWARD HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 1974-50 MACHALINI (12) T George 5 10 5 C Linvelly 21/21 SUCKLAND LED (397) (0) 10 Gissel 7 11 5 S Fanton 48P(24 REVER LEVEN (16) (0) (8P) D Gentoito 9 10 7 S Wynne 5 5 docimed -BETTING: 6-4 Buckland Lad, 13-8 Beyond Our Reach, 11-2 Robins Pride, 6-1

River Leven, 25-1 Machalini. FORM VERDICT An interesting title race. Fitness could be the key, and ROBENS PRIDE, who should lack nothing in this respect and is well in on the pick of his form last season, is just preferred to Buckland Lad.

2.40 OMEGA MARES HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m BETTING: 4-7 Heart, 15-8 Queen's Ride, 14-1 Miles Pannyhill, 20-1 Rosehall.

FORM VERDICT It is difficult to get away from the front two in the betting. Sloutly-bred Queen's. Ride would probably appreciate a stiffer test of stamma, and may strug-gle to get to HEART, who made much of the running last time and ap-

Melbourne.

3.10 HUGGY BEAR NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) \$24,000 added 3m - 10 declared BETTING: 11-6 Tompetoo, 5-2 Grasp The Natile, 7-2 Jazzmen, 10-1 Ivory Coester, 12-1 Stepasideboy, 26-1 Operatio, Salzoting, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT An unstitractive betting medium, with grounds for opposing all the principals – Grasp The Nettle may require softer going, Jazzman is from a yard out of form and TOMPETOO, who is the clear pick on hundling form, not looking a resural at this game. The last-named is a tentative choice in the hope that he will have learned from his first experience.

> RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Mile A Minute (Windsor 3.40) **NB: Sudest** (Windsor 12.40)

3.40 NORWEGIAN BLUE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,500 added 2m 4f 320313 DRAGON KING (14) (C) C Burvel 8 10 9 ..... 00-250 PRAIRIE MINISTREL (20) (C) R Dickin 4 10 7 .... QPBB- CHARLIE BANKER (338) K Burke 6 10 4 ..... \_\_X Alzpuru (3) \_\_N Williamson 

Minimum weight: 10st True hendicep weights: Cambo Sei 10th, Coheal Sei 8th, Aing's Gold Sei, Sovereign 8st 3th. BETTING: 7-2 Amother Night, 4-1 Dragon King, 5-1 Nordenek, 15-2 Foreign Rule, 8-1 Germin, Prairie Minetrel, 10 I Recall, Cambo, 16 others

FORM VERDICT A weak race. Mondanak ran well on his hurding return, but ANOTHER NIGHT might have a tribe improvement in him noden more patiently and his stamma will not tage too severe an examination here.

CATTERICK Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

1 Porter Paddy.
21 ran. ½, 7, 1½, 1½. (Winner bay mare by Supreme Leader our of Lochadon trained by Mrs M Reveley at Satistum for W H Strawson). Tota: £390; £180, £240, £560, £000. DF: £3480. CSF: £5102. Titleast £700.55

ness Warrior od not finish, Naronian did not finish, 12-1 Public Way, 16-1 Filmitook, One Stop (9th), 20-1 Eurolink The Rebel (9th), 20-1 Hibermate, Katsymann, 25-1 Broadgate Flyer, Milling Brook, Royal Circus did not finish, 33-1 Europwist did not finish, Members IST, 33-1 Eurowes do not mash, wempers Welcome, 100-1 Wyciffe.

19 ran, 1½, 1½, 1½, 10, 5. (Winner bay gelding by Jeu De Paille out of Gold Bash, trained by G Moore at Middleham for Mrs. Alurie O'Sullivan). Tota: £2800; 5430, £160, £160, £410. DF: £44300. CSF: £5940. Tricset: £27448.

2,30: (2m 3yo juvenile novice hurdle) 1. FREE \_\_\_\_\_P Niven evens tov 2. Roveretto \_\_\_\_\_M H Naughton 20-1 3. I'm Tet \_\_\_\_\_L Wyer 15-2

RACING RESULTS Also: 5-1 No Shoes No News (9th), 6-1 Stp Venture, 11-1 Pholetta, 16-1 Happy Days, 20-1 Wynbury Flyer, 40-1 Jago4th, 50-1 All Our Biessings (6th), 50-1 Asprilla, 100-1 Pin-

12 ran. 2. 7, 31/s, 12, 10. (Winner chestnut gelding by Gone West out of Bernissed, trained by Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn for P O Savilly Tota; CLTO; CLTO, CS.70, CS.80. DF: C12.10. CSF: C2725.

£14241 Tricast: £3,44409.

3,30: (2m 3t NH novice hurdle) \$120, \$230, \$250 DF: \$2180 CSF: \$3308. Jackpot: not won, pool of \$7,494.75 carned torward to Lacester today. Placepot: £14290, Quadpot: £4490 Place 6: £88201, Place 5: £19716.

Going: Good to Soft 12.40: 1. LIMIT THE DAMAGE U Goldsten) 12-1; 2. Treasure Dome 8-1; 3. Multi Fran-chise 4-1 /t isv. 11 ran. 4-1 /t isv Fowland-eors Charm (sel). 13, 7 (John Whyle, Beccles), Tote: \$1090; \$220, \$390, \$150, DF: \$2600, CSF

1.10: 1. NATIVE CHARM (J. A McCarthy) 10-11 lay; 2. Gorman 11-4; 3. Normania 10-1 4 ren. 12, 11/4. (C Morlock, Wantage). Tota: 9170 DF: 9240. CSF: \$325. 1.40: 1. WHIPPERS DELIGHT (Mr I Mon-gar) 9-2; 2. Cavalero 27 fav; 3. Wood-lands Beau 13-8. 4 ran. 4. det. (G Charles-Jones, Wantaget Tote: £890 DF: £300 CSF: £876.

2.10: 1. PHAR LESS HASSLE (T J Murphy)
4: 12. Polar Flight 4-7 fav; 3. Supreme Day
7-1 13 ran. 4, 13. (T McGorem, Haywerds
Heath; 10th: 5670; 5140 5150 5150 517 5360
CSF: 2539.
2.40: 1. SCAVO (J Culoty) 9-2; 2. Time Won't
Wast 11-4; 3. Royel Mountbrowne 16-16 ran.
15-8 lay Cardinal Pule. 22, 10. (D OBher, Pitown, Co Killerny), Tote: 6720; 5230, 5150
DF; 5740, CSF; 51581

DF. 2740. CSF: \$6581.
3.10: 1. BOWLES PATROL (G Supple) 7-4, fav; 2. Dencing Poser 11-2; 3. Young Thruster 4-1 11 ran. 3. 9. (John R Upson. Adstone) Tote: \$200. \$100. \$270. \$170. DF. 6580. CSF: \$1000. Incast: \$2060. \$340: 1. MILLMOUNT (B Powel) 2-1. 2. Keep Ne in Mind 6-1: 3. Tickerty's Gift 11-1 6 ran. 7.4 for Mind Head Yearon with 4-1% Cf. Me. 7-4 fav Hal Hoo Yaroom (6th) 4, 1% (T Mc-Govern, Haywards Heath), Total \$250, \$190, \$250, DF: \$1200, CSF: \$1807

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Going, Slandard
12.50: 1. ROYAL CASCADE (V Haliday) 9-2;
2. Nithe Owler 33-1; 3. Krystal Max 9-2, 13
ren. 9-4 fav Big Ben 15th; 1"/... "/... (B McMahon), Tote: 50:30; 52:20, 51:80; 51:80; DF;
67:20:0. CSF; 51:298.
1.20: 1. FLAME TOWER (P Dobbs) 13-2; 2.
Shade 47-Ampthyste 2-1 fax; 3. Battle Glan
6-1 10 ran. 1"/... 2. IR Harvon), Tote: 55:10;
51:70; 51:70; 52:40; FF; 57:70; CSF; 59:47;
4-1:3. Kolby 2-1 12 ran. 5-2 fav Tayseer 5th),
51th, 3"/... (T Barron), Tote: 54:40; 51:40, 54:0,
54:30; DF; 52:57; 53:42; NR; Max's
Drism.
2-20: 1. PARADISE NAVY (R Winston), 4-1;
2. Opera Butt 5-1; 3. Royal Routetta 15-1
8 ran. 5-8 fav Dancing Cavaler 4, 1"/... (C Egenton), Rete: 65:60; 57:70; 57:2:240
CSF; 52:38, Tricast; 52:40; 52:40; 57:52:70.
2-50: 1. JAY-OWE-TWO (Dean McKecom) 7-1;
2-8: Warmed 6-1; 3. Weetman's Weigh 6-1; 12 ran. 5-2 fav Yeoman Civier, NJ, 1"/... (R Whitsker), Tote: 59:70; 53:40; 52:80; 53:20; DF;
55:670; CSF; 54:684 Theast; 52:55:51; NR;
Hurtswood.
3-20: 1. BURNING (T G McLauchim) 16-1, 2.

SS.70. ČSF: £4684 Tricast: £25561 NR: Huntswood.
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3.50: 1. DOM SHADEED (W. Ryam) 5-2; 2. Natural Ont 14-1; 3. Royal German 4-1.9 ran. 9-4 tav Dephres Doll (4th). No. 1%. (Lord Huntingdon). Tote: £360, £10, £300 £350. DF. £201. CSF: £3593.
4.20: 1. MISS: HIT (S. Writworth) 16-1; 2. Sweet Maggie 9-1; 3. Pride of Briston 5-2. 12 ran. 2-1 fav Soniaed (4th). %. 1. (Miss Gay Kellsway). Tote: £2770; £420; £340, £100 DF-£7840. CSF: £5856. Tricast: £3054 NF: Sharp Hint (8-1) withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4-applies to board prices only, deduction 10p in pound.

pon 10p in pound. Placepot: \$26060. Quadpot: \$4450. Place 6: £24151 Place 5: £11499

# Kenwright's passion play

AS BILL KENWRIGHT began By GUY HODGSON the enormous task of raising the cash to buy Everton Football Club yesterday his mind went back to the man who was to blame. Mr Parry was his name, and he unwittingly played a significant part in this week's events when he took a pupil to Goodison to see the club's reserves draw 1-1 with Chesterfield in the early 1950s.

"If at the age of five or six I'd become a red my whole life would have changed," Kenwright, 53, said, sounding almost regretful. Instead that mysterious emotional jolt that locks football devotion chose blue and means he is now negotiating to buy part or all of the 68 owned by the former chairman people mentioned in the news-

Peter Johnson, a decision that will require £50m at a conservative estimate.

Last night Kenwright, who has become the club's deputy chairman, was meeting Lord Grantchester, grandson of the former Everton benefactor Sir John Moores. "I wouldn't bet against me taking over the club by the end of the season," he said. "Nothing has happened, please understand that. We're talking about a phone call on Monday and a couple of conversations. All I can say is if Peter is looking into his shareholding

then I'll be looking into it, too. "Over the last year I have per cent share in the club had inquiries from nearly all the

cnairman before and he has said the club is not for sale. Now he's saying differently and I have a list of potential backers."

Kenwright, along with Ever-ton's reinstalled chairman, Sir Philip Carter, was making his first public appearance since Johnson stepped down on Monday after four and a half years in charge, during which the club has had four managers and flirted regularly with relegation. The club also has reported debts of £20m.

In spring 1994 Kenwright backed out of a struggle with Johnson fearing prolonged uncertainty would damage the club, but yesterday he said he in the Caribbean, left after a dis-

was the right man to take Everton into the future," he said. 'Now I'm pretty sure I am."

Even so Kenwright, a former Coronation Street actor who has made his money producing West End plays, admitted that his heart rather than his head was dictating his actions. "My mum phones me up and says 'son, don't' and Sam Hammam, who is a great friend, rang me up yesterday to say I should think very seriously before I do it. Four years ago my bid included my house, everything I had, so that was the risk. I take risks but I can't think of anything

in life that I'd risk more on." Johnson, who is on holiday was ready to assume control. pute with the club's manager,

papers for me to lead their "Four years ago I wasn't sure I Walter Smith, over the £7m bids. I have always gone to the was the right man to take Ever-sale of Duncan Ferguson to Newcastle last week. The decision, taken without Smith's knowledge, infuriated supporters but was defended yesterday

by Kenwright.
"I didn't know it was going to happen," he said, "but I would have supported the decision as I would have supported Duncan going last season. There were times, and any Evertonian would have been the same, where you discuss 'will we ever win anything with the long ball game?" Duncan was a hero of mine but you had to ask yourself: would we do better with someone else in the middle?

"The fans' reaction reminds me so much of when I was 11 and Dave Hickson was trans-

letter to all the directors saying: You know nothing about football, how can you let him go?' I told them I was boycotting the club, which lasted all of 24 hours. I understand the supporters' fury but there was a part of me that understood." It is that same angry boy who is now attempting to be the dominant force on

the board he chastised. Kenwright wants stability at Everton, He could not put a time frame on any potential takeover - Johnson is understood to be unwilling to sell until February for tax reasons - but he said that money is available if Smith wishes to buy a player. Most of all he wants an end to the bit-

terness of recent weeks. "How many times do you



New regime: Bill Kenwright (left) and Phillip Carter

think I've been on a train at 11 o'clock at night when we've lost? Just think how many games we've won in the last few years. Bad times, good times, it's like what's good sex, what's bad sex - it's Everton. There's nowhere else I want to be on a Saturday at 3pm. It's an addiction. Bad times? As long as it's

"Of course I desperately want the good times. At Charlton on Saturday before the game I saw Evertonians in the rain with their heads down. They don't look up. You just want to smile, have a laugh again and most of all forget this hideous, hideous talk of violence. That's not Everton. This is not a good club, it's a great club."

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Glynn (left) and Ian Snodin, respectively coach and player-manager at Doncaster Rovers, who are hoping for a full house against Rushden on Saturday

Peter Jay

# Snodins savouring sibling revelry

SUBSTITUTIONS CAN
be a tricky business with the ego of the player hauled off often more bruised than any shin or shoulder. When the protagonists are brothers, as well as being player-manager and coach

respectively, sparks can fly. Ian and Glynn Snodin are not exactly a footballing Cane and Abel, or even a latterday Jack and Bobby. They did, however, have what Glynn, the coaching half of the duo, describes as "a bit of a falling-out" during Doncaster Rovers' recent FA Cup match at Southend United.

As befits a story of sibling revelry, which has brought the brothers back to their first love after careers spent mainly at the highest level, the situation was doubly unusual. Not only were Doncaster, the Football Conference's bottom club, on their way to a rare win that would earn Saturday's secondround home tie against Rushden & Diamonds, but Ian's complaint was that he was being told to stay on.

Glynn, who at 38 is three years Ian's senior, explained.

Kylie still with

Doncaster Rovers' FA Cup fortunes are in the hands of two brothers who have known the good times at Belle Vue and beyond. By Phil Shaw

ing back into it so I decided we needed his experience. Our strikers had worked hard and one was looking tired. But when the number came up and it wasn't Ian's he didn't like it. I was 100 vards away in the directors' box and could hear every word he said!"

In fact, the brothers' relationship has remained close since they played together as teenagers for Doncaster during Billy Bremner's first spell as manager nearly two decades ago. Ian, who represented England Under-21s while still at Belle Vue, gained a championship medal with Everton and would have won a senior cap in 1989 but for typical ill luck with injury. Glynn served Leeds and Sheffield Wednesday with distinction.

Last season, when Doncaster made the Third Division relegation place their own from "At half-time we thought it the start, the Snodins were at would be him coming off be- Scarborough. Glynn was on

cause he's been playing with an the backroom staff but Ian fortnight away. Ian inherited a injury. But Southend were complayed in a poignant match played in a poignant match against his old club. "We won 4-0 and I felt really sorry for the Rovers fans. They were shouting: 'Go on Ian, let a goal in. Help us a bit'."

The chance to do exactly that came late in the close season. The new owners of the debt-stricken club brought Ian in - he still lived in the town and he promptly went back for Glynn. "I wanted him here because he's an exceptional coach," Ian said. "He can boss me around in training because I'm also a player, and I'm happy to do whatever he tells me to. I leave all the substitutions to him on match days too. If I can't trust Givnn. I can't trust anybody."

It was like coming home to a vandalised slum. Doncaster's rusting, rotting ground needed thousands of pounds' worth of work just to get a safety certificate. There were no goalposts and no bails, no kit or practice facilities. And, with the Conference kick-off only a

Most players available on free transfers had been picked up, so he had to improvise. "I watched a lad called Kevin Mc-Intyre play for Tranmere reserves on the Wednesday before our opening match at Dover. On the Friday I took him on loan. We picked him up at Watford Gap. I saw someone who looked like a footballer

and told him to get on the bus." The brothers' return, allied to the end of the despised regime of Ken Richardson, fired the public imagination. Before Doncaster's first home game, against Southport, the police came to the dressingroom to warn Ian that kick-off would be delayed due to the

numbers queuing outside. "Normally a manager would be unhappy about his preparations being disrupted. I was made up because it showed we had the people behind us. They had gates of 700-odd last season and only got 3,500 for the

final game because people thought there would be no more Doncaster Rovers. We're averaging that figure in non-

League, which is fantastic." The support is all the more impressive in view of the disappointing results. To Glynn, the first eight Conference fixtures were "like the pre-season friendlies we never had", but the performance at Southend was indicative of the way the side are beginning to gel. Ian agrees: "To see a team we built from scratch beat a League club on their own ground was

an incredible feeling." Among the disparate talents thrown together are a Tunisian. a Spaniard and a veteran Scot. Steve Nicol 37 next week has three FA Cup winners' medals. one from the European Cup. four championship gongs, 27 caps and a Footballer of the Year trophy (as well as the biggest feet in football, size 14). His commitment, according to the manager, has been total. "Steve's miles ahead in the

supporters' player of the year rankings. He won more or less everything at Liverpool but, when we were celebrating at Southend, he was leading the

If Nicol thought his days of playing to full houses were over, the meeting of opposites with Rushden & Diamonds may prove him wrong, "They're the Manchester United of the Conference," said Ian Snodin. "They're miles ahead of everyone in terms of resources. We can't compete with them financially, but we will compete with them as a team."

Glynn is equally determined to bridge the gap, knowing a lucrative third-round tie could make the difference in the push for safety that has become their priority: "The challenge here is massive but they couldn't have got two better people to take it on because we're passionate

about Doncaster Rovers. "The fans want success straight away and we do too, though we need to stabilise and survive this season before we can think about getting back into the League. But we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. We'll get there.'

## FA to monitor Millwall after crowd trouble

guilty of failing to control spectators following pitch invasions during their match against Manchester City earlier this season, However, the Second Division side have escaped punishment after the incidents during the League match at the New Den on 29 September. The south Londoners have been warned about their future conduct and the Football Association will continue to monitor the situation with the club.

After a hearing lasting more than six hours, an FA crowd control commission said it was impressed by Millwall's determination to prevent any further problems. The match referee, Matt Messias, gave evidence to the commission about the pitch invasions and incidents of coin throwing during the second half of the 1-1 draw.

Police Superintendent Trevor Brydges said there had been four invasions during the game and police had to stop fans reaching players and officials after Manchester City scored a late equaliser. Part of the trouble was blamed on hooligans from other London clubs attending the game. The bad-tempered match also featured a mass brawl between the opposing players, sparked after City's Tony Vaughan and Millwall's Paul Shaw were sent off in the 77th minute.

Six other players were booked after the scuffle - three from each side - and a furious City manager, Joe Royle, said at the time: "The home fans were refereeing at times." Royle also claimed some of his players had been spat at and threatened

Of more immediate concern to Royle is securing the ser-

MILLWALL HAVE been found By WYN GRIFFITHS

vices of Rolf Landri, the Austrian attacker who turned out for City in a reserve game on Tuesday night and is poised to clinch a move from the Dutch side AZ Alkmaar. The swift right-sided player is seen by Royle as an alternative to Craig Hignett, who joined Barnsley last week. He is available for around £200,000.

The Southampton manager, Dave Jones, is giving a trial to the French defender Kwami Hodouto. The 24-year-old Aux erre centre half has been train ing with the Saints this week and is expected to play for the reserves before Jones makes a decision on whether to make an offer for him. Hodouto, who played for Cannes before joining Auxerre in 1997, is available for a fee of around £300,000.

Southampton have also made the first move in their scheme for a new 32,000-seater stadium and have submitted plans to the City Council for a £21m ground to be built within

Jean-Michel Ferri has no chance of making his Liverpool debut at Spurs on Saturday. The £1.7m defensive midfielder has been training on his own at the club this week after arriving at Antield short of match fitness, after being out of action for a month because of a dispute over wages with his previous club, Istanbulspor.

The former Bradford City manager, Chris Kamara, had turned down an offer to manage the Barbados national side. Kamara, who was sacked by Stoke City last season, has been busy with television and radio work but wants to return to domestic management.

### Reimann resigns as **Nuremberg coach**

WILLI REIMANN resigned as the coach of the German First Division strugglers Nuremberg yesterday, saying he had to devote all his attention to his seriously ill wife. Reimann took over just before the start of the season and the club is currently 15th in the 18-team Bundesliga.

"This decision was especially hard to take because of our difficult situation," said Reimann. "But one of the main factors behind the decision was the idea that the team needs a coach who can devote all his strength to it, unburdened by private problems.

Brunner, will take over tem-

porarily. The Brazilian club, Flamengo. bought large advertising spaces in leading newspapers vesterday to taunt rivals Vasco over their 2-1 World Club title defeat by Real Madrid in Tokyo. The nation congratulates Vasco da Gama for the title of world vice-champions in its centenary year," said the advertisements in several Rio dailies. The ads were signed: "Flamengo Regattas Club. World champions", referring to the fact that Flamengo, initially founded as a rowing club,

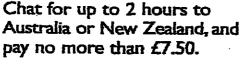
### Roma fail in attempt

THE PRESIDENT of Nice has decided not to sell the French

"The club is no longer for sale. We have already lost enough precious time to waste even more," Milan Mandaric said. After talks with Roma officials, Mandaric, an American businessman, decided that a sale to Roma would not be in the club's interest.

attracted a new investor despite claims from Rome that a takeover was imminent. The move was intended to give second string Roma players experience in the French

#### Earle eager to avoid repeats pace in the transfer market.



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ROBBIE EARLE insisted Wimbledon will not make the same to ensure history does not repeat itself when the semi-finals mistake twice after claiming their place in the Worthington Cup semi-finals. The Dons' 2-1 victory over the holders, Chelsea, on Tuesday shattered their London rivals' 19-match unbeaten run and left them just one tie away from Wembley.

It is a situation that Joe Kinnear's side have found themselves in twice before in recent seasons, including an unfortunate loss to the eventual winners, Leicester City, in the Coca-Cola Cup in 1997. Then Wimbledon appeared to have done the hard work as they earned a 0-0 draw at Filbert Street in the first leg of the semi-final only to lose out in the return match at Selhurst Park. Earle, who opened the scor-

ing on Tuesday, is determined

are played in January, as Wimbledon seek a first Wembley final since their FA Cup triumph over Liverpool in 1988.

"It's important having learnt lessons from last time that we're positive in the first leg," said Earle, who has also seen the Dons beaten 3-0 in the FA Cup last four by Chelsea.

"I think we went up to Leicester and tried to nullify the game and got a 0-0 draw that some people thought was a good result. But in effect that worked against us. Leicester came down and got an away goal and that put us under a lot

"I think we have to treat each game as a knock-out, go there changes in personnel since the and try and win the game and that takes the pressure off the

couple of years ago and probably didn't do ourselves justice home and away. It's nice to get another chance.

"Some of the bigger teams have been taking it lightly but for a club like Wimbledon it's a great competition and gives us great opportunity to play at Wembley.
"We showed what determi-

nation means and what it means for the players to get there and for Joe Kinnear, who has done brilliant things over eight years and never quite made a final. It would be magic for Joe to walk out with Wimbledon at Wembley and we'll

enjoy the day if we get there." There have been few previous semi-final defeats as Wimbledon struggle to keep

a relatively young squad and Earle believes that will stand them in good stead in the last four. "I think we've got more experience now. A lot of the players have been through that [losing semi-finals]," he said. We've got to remember that a lot of these players are home

grown and were 21-22 at that stage. They're now 24-25, they've got 150 League games under their belt and they've got better mental strength going into the competition. "And I think on Tuesday we

had a bit more physical presence with the likes of Marcus Gayle and Carl Leaburn up front, and that is a threat to teams. We wanted to do ourselves justice against Chelsea."

What they do possess, however, to buy Nice is more experience throughout

> Second Division football club to the Italian side, Roma

He said the club has

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SCOTLAND'S FRINGE cast was

last night handed the chance to take centre stage against Spain on Saturday as Willie Anderson and Cammy Mather were both awarded their first international starts for the World Cup qualifier at Murrayfield.

Anderson, the Glasgow Caledonians prop, is rewarded for a series of consistent displays in this season's European Cup campaign while the New Zealand-born flanker Mather makes the step up after coming close to Test selection on the

summer tour of Australia.

Elsewhere, there are three

positional changes from the

side that crushed Portugal

85-11, with the wingers Cammy

Murray and Kenny Logan

swapping flanks. Martin Leslie.

who started on the blind side

flank against Portugal, switch-

es to open side with Budge

Pountney demoted to the bench

and Rob Wainwright dropping

out of the 22 altogether. David

Hilton will revert to his role as

wins his

impress

# Coach to back the boot of Dawson

MIKE CATT'S costly miscued conversion against Australia last weekend might have left the Twickenham faithful with the distinct impression that England's goal-kicking was a lit-tle on the dodgy side.

They ain't seen nothing yet. When Clive Woodward's team attempt to deny the Springboks a record 18th consecutive Test victory on Saturday, the marksmanship really will be on a wing and a prayer. Or rather, a grum-half and a prayer.

Woodward has nominated Matt Dawson, the Northampton half-back, as this week's kicker in the absence of his injured clubmate Paul Grayson. Dawson is hardly enjoying a purple patch with his passing, let alone anything else, so it is not unreasonable to suggest that the national coach is taking one of the bigger gambles of his highrolling England tenure. "No, it's not ideal that Matt

doesn't kick regularly, even at club level, although I've seen him land six from six for Northampton in the past," admitted Woodward yesterday. But I'm not the Wizard of Oz ad I can't pluck a front-line kicker out of nowhere. We've asked Matt to do the job and I'm confident he can meet the demands of the situation. Besides, it's one thing less for Catt to think about."

Had Grayson recovered from the jarred knee that forced him to abandon the Wallaby Test after half an hour, Catt a case for bringing him in above

By CHRIS HEWETT

ing to worry about this weekend apart from the danger of picking up splinters from the replacement's bench. As it is, Bath's gifted but erratic standoff gets the chance to repeat the blinding 30-odd minutes of rugby he produced against the Springboks this time last year.

The changes come at fullback, where Nick Beal replaces the concussed Matt Perry, and wing, where Dan Luger reclaims the No 11 shirt from an out-of-sorts Austin Healey. Will Greenwood's continuing groin problems mean another chance for the former England captain, Phil de Glanville, in midfield, while the pack, which more than went the distance with the Australians, is retained en bloc.

If Beal's promotion was entirely predictable, Woodward's preference for Luger over David Rees was a real headscratcher. Rees remains the coach's favourite wing and while he has played only two full games for Sale since pulling out of the summer tour of the southern hemisphere with a chronic groin condition, he is considered fit enough to sit among Saturday's replacements. If he can play the last 20 minutes, why not the first 20?

"David hasn't trained that much with us lately and as things stand, I can't make out would probably have had noth- Tony Underwood," explained



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Woodward. But the coach was day as Nick Mallett, their rather missing the point. Healey's rough spell of form gave the coach a heaven-sent opportunity to bring the best defensive wing in the country back into the fold and switch Underwood to the left flank, where he feels he is comfortable. Woodward is convinced that

Luger's raw pace will eventually make him an automatic choice but on Saturday, of all days, experience will be a priceless commodity.

There was no such agonising

coach, named a side unchanged from the one that survived a fierce Irish challenge in Dublin last weekend.

The one serious doubt concerned the hooker, James Dalton, who alarmed his front-row brethren by volunteering for extra training last week and paid by twanging his hamstring so badly that he was able to last only 10 minutes of the game. "As we speak, he's in the side," said Mallett, who will put Dalton through a stern fitness test

that fatigue might figure in this weekend's complex equation. "We don't talk about the fatigue factor," he insisted. "The more you mention it, the more the players think it exists.

"We have no motivation problems whatsoever. These players are too proud for that to be an issue. This tour cannot be called a success unless we beat England and that is incentive

Unlike Woodward, Mallett has been able to hold together the same narrow squad of play-

THE DOUBLE Olympic champi-

Mallett refused to concede ers through thick and thin - not that there has been much in the way of "thin" to concern him over the last year. "I believe absolutely in con-

sistency of selection," he said yesterday. "I thought long and hard about making two changes to the side on this tour and, having made them, I always intended to give the new players a run of games to show what they could do. I owed them that."

WGLAND (v South Africa, Twicken-am, Saturday): N Beal (Northampton), Underwood (Newcastle). P de lamille (Bath). J Goscott (Bath), D ager (Harlequins). M Catt (Bath), M

Austrians face fines for 'prank'

replacement prop with Paul Burnell also omitted from the squad for this match. The Scotland coach, Jim

Telfer, keen to give everyone in his core squad a run-out in these World Cup qualifying matches, insisted that the time was right to give Anderson and Mather their head.

"Willie has been performing very well for Glasgow Caledonians this season and we want to give him a shot at this level to see how he does. Hopefully, this will be a stern test," he said. "Cammy was with us in Australia and played very well even though he didn't make the Test selection. He has been dogged with injuries since be came back but he has done well in his last two or three matches for the Edinburgh Reivers."

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SOUTH AFRICA: P Montgomery (Gradiens). A Soyman (Blue Bulis). C Scenart (Western Province). P Rossouw (Western Province). H Hondball (Natal Sharks). J van der Westhutzen (Blue Bulls); R Kempson (Natal Sharks). J Dalton (Golden Lions). A Garvey (Natal Sharks). K Otto (Blue Bulls). M Andrews (Natal Sharks). J Erasmus (Free State). B Skinstad (Western Province). G Teichmann (Natal Sharks). Gapt). Replacements: G du Tolt (Griqualand West). F Statch (Blue Bulls). W Swanepoel (Free State). C Wige (Western Province). A Veni Telfer believes Spain will provide a much harder test than Portugal. "I think they will be stronger in the forwards and more adventurous in the backs," he added.

Scotland team. Digest, page 31

### Virengue set for tough battle

RICHARD VIRENQUE, the French cyclist, faces a fight against "overwhelming conclusions" to clear his name in the wake of this year's Tour de France drug scandal.

The Festina rider claimed that dope tests had cleared him of all suspicion after he had heard the results of an initial renort from Patrick Keil, the wench magistrate investigating the scandal, on Tuesday.

Yet police and legal sources who had access to the report

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handed to judge Keil by two Parisian doping experts insisted its conclusions were "over-

"All of the nine Festina riders took doping substances ranging from steroids, corticoids, growth hormone, erythropoietin (EPO) and, for four of them, amphetamines," police

Virenque, once his country's most popular rider, who was

tested with his team-mates after Festina were kicked out of the Tour on drug charges, said exactly the opposite. "All the biological parameters and tests prove scientifically that I'm not doped," he insisted.

Only when judge Keil has completed his investigation will it be known exactly whether Virenque took illegal products. His inquiry will take months, and he is forbidden by law to divulge any element of it.

Virenque has been linked

with the Swiss team Tag-Heuer and Italy's Mapei, or he could remain with Festina, but a deal will depend largely on whether he is innocent of the charges.

The French Cycling Federation said it was waiting for Keil's investigation to be completed. It may not punish Virengue - from what has been leaked of the drug test report. the rider's haematocrit level. which is used to detect the taking of EPO, is below that authorised by cycling authorities.

Schifferer, were stopped by police after rowdily riding a bicycle in the early hours of the morning at the weekend. "Although this was a typical

on, Hermann Maier, and his fellow Austrian Andreas Schifferer the Austrian men's head coach. face fines for a "typical boys" Werner Margreiter. "They are prank" after last week's World representatives of our team so Cup Alpine ski races in Aspen, we expect them to behave ac-Colorado. The World Cup overcordingly. They can afford such all champion, Maier, and the an action as long as they are both winning races, but they World Cup downhill champion, haven't been and therefore should stick to the rules."

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Margreiter said the fine would be higher than the 10,000 schillings (£527) both Maier and Schifferer paid after missing

the draw for World Cup races in Tignes, France, last year.

After attending a party in Aspen, Maier and Schifferer were in a hurry to collect their baggage at the hotel in order not to miss their flight to Vancouver en route to this weekend's World Cup races at Whistler Mountain.

But contrary to reports, they did not take a bicycle they found on the street but were given one by the party's host. "We were unable to get a taxi so we borrowed

the bicycle." Maier said. "Police officials stopped us and asked us for our documents which we did not have on us."

Maier and Schifferer were released by police after their coach for technical disciplines. Toni Giger, arrived with the documents. Giger said: "To return from a party at dawn is not what we consider the right attitude towards training. With such an action. Maier and Schifferer have put themselves two days behind in training."

#### Moorcroft takes on the top job

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DAVID MOORCROFT was yes terday appointed the chief executive of UK Athletics, the new governing body for the sport. Moorcroft held the same

post for the British Athletics Federation for a week before it went into administration. The former 5,000 metres world record holder has been the acting chief executive for UK Athletics 98, the interim body set up following the BAF's demise.

Moorcroft, who competed for Britain at three Olympics, expressed his delight at being given the job and pledged to guide the sport out of the mire. The last 15 months have seen great turbulence within the

sport," he said. "But, in the course of our year-long consultation process and an outstanding year of athletic performances, we have hopefully reached a point where we have solid foundations on which to build a fantastic future for the

"There are still many challenges ahead but I think we have the will, the people and the vision to face them with confi-

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL PORTRES LEAGUE Premier Dies lingham Forest v Leicester (7.0). tingham Forest Victoria (\*15).

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RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Leicester v Fiji (7.45).

OTHER SPORTS

Rafael Palmeiro is returning to the Texas Rangers after agreeing on a five-year contract worth \$45m (£28m). Palmeiro, who played for the Rangers from 1989 to 1993, spent the past five seasons with the Baltimore Orloles, who have decided to spend their money on Albert Belle. On Monday Belle left the Chicago White Sox for a five-year, \$65 million deal with the Orloles. Palmetre, batted, 296 with 43 Palmeiro batted 296 with 43 playing in every game, recording 183 hits and 79 walks.

Fiba, the sport's world governing body, has upheld a two-year ban on the Puerto Rican centre and the former NBA player Jose Ortiz. Ortiz tested positive for the banned steroid stanozolol during the World Championship in Athens this summer. Stanozolol is the same steroid that Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson tested positive for at the 1988 Olympics. Fiba also announced that players will be free to join any club ream in the world without restriction. European clubs had previously been able to field up

to two non-Europeans.

#### BASEBALL

BOWLS GLASGOW CLASSICS (Kelvin Hall) First round: P Foster (Sco) bt M King (Eng) 7-2 7-0; S Rees (Wal) bt D Burnett (Sco) 4-7 7-5 7-6; W Richards (Eng) bt L Gillett (Eng) 7-5 7-4; G Har-

#### CRICKET

Bob Cottam. England's assistant coach in Australia, will continue as Warwickshire's bowling coach for a third season. The former England bowler turned down the county's first offer but he has accepted an improved deal which was faxed to him in Perth last weekend. A new trophy, to be awarded to the winners of the Ashes series, has been commissioned by the Mary-lebone Cricket Club. It is a replica of the original urn, which remains

at Lord's. Defeat by an Eastern Province XI yesterday left West Indies without a win after five matches of their South African tour. The Eastern Province XI won on a faster run-rate after rain had restricted the West Indies innings to 46 overs and then forced a premature finish after the home side had batted for 38.1 overs. A third-wicket partnership of 118 between Graham Grace and

#### SPORTING DIGEST Eastern Province XI's way. Grace's 70 was struck off 109 balls with five fours and a six while Kemp hammered his 64 off 63 balls with two

fours and five sixes. The West In-dies relied on Philo Wallace (56 off 64 balls) and Floyd Reifer (93 off COLER.

ONE-DAY MATCH (Port Efizabeth):
West indies 239-8 (F L Reifer 93, P A Wallace 56; 46 overs); Eastern Province XI
209-6 (G V Grace 70, J Kemp 94; 38.1).
Eastern Province with on Faster run

Darlington's sell-out FA Cup second-round match with Manchester City on Friday has been given the go ahead after the Football Association were satisfied with the results of a pitch inspection. There had been doubts that the Feethams surface would not be fit to stage the tie. Bristol City have agreed a fee of £225,000 with Moldovan club Zimbru Chisinau for the defender ion Tistemitanu – captain of the Moldova national team.

Watford, third in Division One, have signed the Nigerian defender Ben Iroha. The 29-year-old represented his Country in the 1994 and 1998 World Cups. Celtic completed the signing of the

Australian international Marko Viduka for £3m yesterday. NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE: NATIONWIDE POOTSBALL LEAGUE: Rearranged flatures: Ties 12 Jan: Ful-hamy Reading (from 24 Nov), Fri 15 Jan: Chester v Brighton (from 16 Jan). SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Re-arranged flature: See 21 Febt Moth-erwell V Celtic (from 20 Feb). RUGBY UNION

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boys' prank, it is serious," said

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RUGBY UNION Jackie Sheldon, the coach of the Great Britain Women's team, has been named as Sports Administrator/Coach of the Year in the Sunday

The Rugby Football League is concerned about the future of Doncaster and may set them a one

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### week ultimatum to show that they will be capable of fulfilling their fix-

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Tour matches: Ireland A 19 South Africa 50 (at Ramenhall); Leeds 27 Fiji 10, Rapresenzative Match: England Under-21 A 19 South Africa Under-21 33 (at Banbury). Welsh National League Prensier Division: Ebbw Vale 24 Lianelli 20; Pontypndd 55 Caerphilly 15.

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for today, was pushed back to Fri-day, with the slalom being moved up a day to today. The race jury de-

cided on the change because it was considered likely that deteriorating weather would jeopardize the second run of the slatom. The onerun super-G would stand a better chance of completion before snow and wind strike. Bad weather is nothing new for ther venue. In the spring of 1997, slalom and super-G races were held on the same day due to weather delays and later that year. the super-G was set back two days and started lower on the mountain

#### SQUASH

WORLD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Doba, Ontar) Third round: P Johnson (Eng) bt D Harris (Eng) 8-15 15-10 15-10 15-17 15-5: S Casteleyn (Bel) bt C Walker (Eng) 15-17 15-13 15-12 15-8: A Hill (Aus) bt M Berrett (Eng) 15-4 15-8 15-6: J White (Sco) bt 5 Parke (Eng) 8-15 15-11 13-15 15-5 15-11: P Nicol (Sco) bt B Haddrell (Aus) 15-13 15-5 12-15

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Group B: China 4 Cambodia 1. Group C: Japan 5 Nepal 0. Group D: Tulkistan 3 Matches 0. Group B: United Arab Emirates 3 North Korea 3 (UAE win 4-1 on penalities to quality for second round). Group Gakusati 11 Mengolia 0. Group H: Iran 2 Kazakhstan 0.

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UNIBOND LEAGUE Premier Division:
Bamber Bridge 1 Leigh RMi 1; Stalybridge
3 Worksop 0. Phat Division: Fibron 2 Congleton 0. Challenge Cup second round:
Affreion 3 Belger 2; Bythy Spartans 3 Bradford Park Avenue 1; Lancaster 1 Traiford
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GERMAN CUP Quarter-final: Bayern Mu-nich 3 (Jandier 26, Basier 71, Zickler 79) VrB Stuttgart 0. MORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE CUP First round: Maine Road 2 Atherton LR 0.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of Pakistanis arrested as terrorists in Bangkok in the run-up to the Asian Games after

being found with "bomb-making equipment" that turned out to be what police called "old junk".

The schedule for the women's Aipine World Cup races at Mammoth Mpountain. California was altered yesterday as officials faced the prospect of trying to beat a storm forecast for Friday. The super-giant slalom, which had been scheduled

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# Lens fracas leads to ban for Dixon

LEE DIXON has been given a one-match suspension and will miss Arsenal's Champions' League match with Panathinaikos in Athens next Wednesday. after an investigation by Uefa, European football's ruling body. into the full-back's red card during the bad-tempered game against Lens at Wembley last

The former England fullback was left in apparent agony on the Wembley turf after an angry exchange in stoppage time with Lens' Tony Vairelles, which resulted in Vairelles being sent off. Although Dixon was not booked by the referee, Anders Frisk, Uefa's Control and Disciplinary committee yesterday ruled that he started the trouble by elbowing his opponent in the back. Vairelles and the Lens

coach. Daniel Leclercq, accused Dixon of feigning injury to get the French international striker sent off – just seconds after the Arsenal midfielder Ray Parlour was given a red card for kicking out at the Lens midfielder, Cyril RooL It is the second time Arse-

nal have suffered retrospective punishment in their ill-fated Champions' League campaign. The French midfielder. Emmanuel Petit, was suspended from the Lens game after Uefa decided that the Italian referee. Piero Cecca-Kiev three weeks earlier. Nigel Winterburn had mistakenly been shown a yellow card for a foul which Petit had committed.

Dixon could be suspended for even longer when Uefa's disciplinary committee meets again in January to also ratify the complete list of players to be suspended for knock-out stage of the European Cup, which begins in March.

A Uefa spokesman said:

BY BILL PIERCE

"After studying the referee's detailed report and also that of the Lefa delegate we have decided that disciplinary action must be taken even if the referee was not able to see gross unsporting conduct and was therefore unable to take any factual

Arsenal declined to comment on the decision last night. Lens, who launched an appeal against Vairelles' red card, have also lost out. Uefa confirmed that he will be suspended "for unsporting behaviour" and will miss their vital meeting with Dynamo Kiev in France next Wednesday, when the two teams contest top place in Group E, which earns automatic qualification for the quarter-finals.

The Uefa spokesman confirmed: "It will be a one-match only suspension for Vairelles." Dixon and Parlour could still receive longer bans, though. Uefa confirmed that Parlour will be suspended "for at least one match" for his red card but they have also deemed his offence as "an act of violence" and look certain to extend the ban to at least three games when they meet again in January.

Defeat by Lens at Wembley ensured Arsenal's exit from the Champions' League, no rini, should have booked him matter what the result of their next week. Any further suspension for Parlour and Dixon Richardson also giving their would be carried over to the version of events. A Premier next time they qualify for European competition.

Lens and Dynamo Kiev are set to appeal to Uefa to ensure that Arsenal's manager, Arsène Wenger, fields his strongest available team against Panathinaikos. The game is virtually meaningless to Arsenal but if Panathinaikos beat them heavily the Greek side can still fin-

ish top of Group E if Dynamo and Lens draw in France.

Dion Dublin has won his fight with Coventry City to have a £30,000 fine paid back to him for going on strike during his

transfer dispute with the club. The Aston Villa and England striker appealed to the Premier League to get his maximum penalty of a fine of two weeks' wages overturned. Dublin was furious that Coventry had punished him when he refused to play at Luton in a Worthington Cup tie at the height of his trou-

He claimed that he was told by the chairman, Bryan Richardson, that he had been given permission to talk to Blackburn the day before. Dublin was considering the contract offer from Rovers and did not want to risk an injury at Luton.

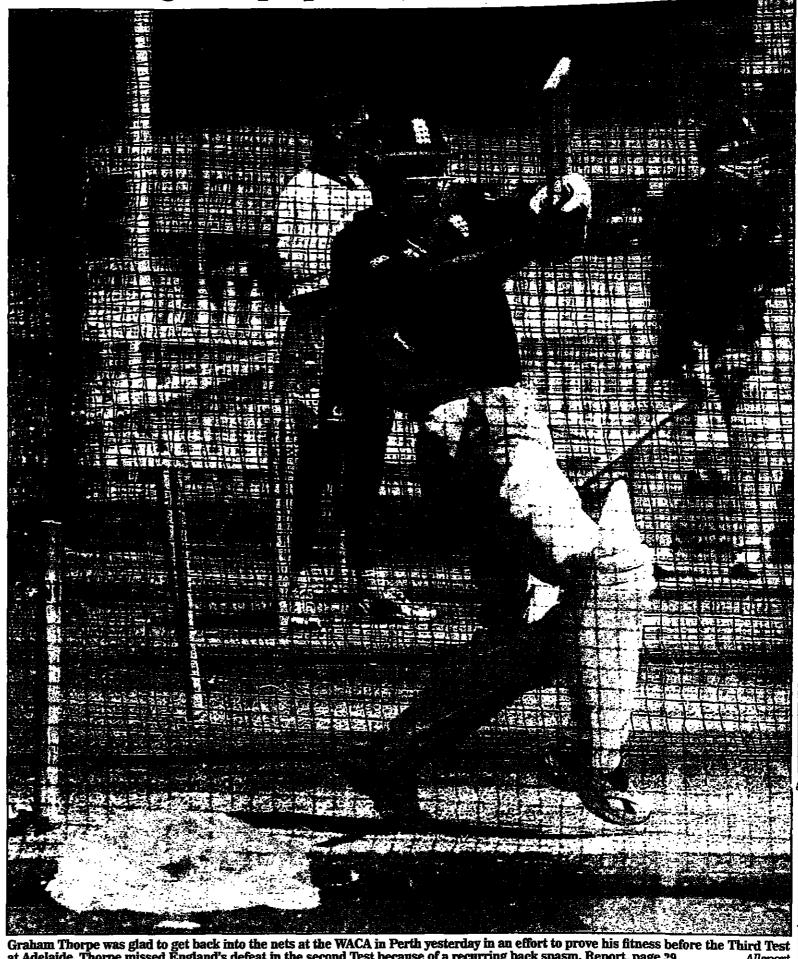
However, the Coventry man ager, Gordon Strachan, was keen for Dublin to play, and has stated that the striker pulled out of the fixture against his wishes. Dublin was fined for being in breach of contract before eventually leaving for Villa and securing a deal worth around £30,000 a week in the £4.5m

Despite his new salary, Dublin wanted his fine back on a point of principle. There was so much bad blood between him and the club that it became a question of honour, he said.

Dublin's case was heard by in the match against Dynamo encounter with Panathinaikos a Premier League enquiry in London, with Strachan and League spokesman said last night: "Dion Dublin has been found not guilty of the offence. Coventry have the right to appeal if they wish."

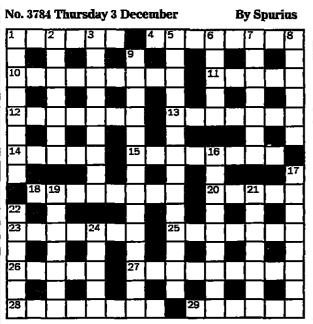
The result is a vindication of Dublin's actions and a further blow to Richardson, who lost the player and threatened that he had "not heard the last" of the transfer row

### Recovering Thorpe puts his back into net practice



at Adelaide. Thorpe missed England's defeat in the second Test because of a recurring back spasm. Report. page 29

#### THE THURSDAY CROSSWORD



 Husband's exploit, after operation's over (6) Fruit grower finally managed to put through re-

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BY DERICK ALLSOP

Formula One circus

attraction, late in May. Ecclestone, who also considered proposals from San Francisco and Las Vegas, said: "I know they [Indianapolis] will do what we want and we're honoured to be invited to race at the Speedway. It was the No 1 target."

Drivers will have to negotiate a 13-turn course, partly using the oval, but running clockwise on it, the reverse of the direction used for the Indianapolis 500. It will be the first Formula One race in the United States since Ayrton Senna won at Phoenix in 1991.

Indianapolis was traditionally used for only one event a organiser after 1991.

year, the Indianapolis 500 at the end of May. But in 1994, the speedway added the Brickyard 400, which has become one of the five big events in American stock-car racing. The addition of a road course to the oval will be the first major reconfiguration since it was built in 1909.

The Indianapolis 500 was considered an official Formula One event from 1950 to 1960 despite the fact that very few of the Formula One regulars competed in the event. Notwithstanding the Indianapolis 500, a US Grand Prix race was a regular fixture on the Formula One circuit from 1959 to 1991, with some years including two events and in 1982 three. But declining attendances and interest failed to attract an

### Germans sign up Cuba team

MANCHESTER UNITED have followed the recent trend of forging links with a foreign team to provide their players with experience and, perhaps, bring some new blood into Old

INDIANAPOLIS, THE symbol of

American motor racing, was

confirmed yesterday as the

venue for Formula One's return

The sport's impresario

bolster the credibility of the

world championship, has agreed

a long-term deal with the circuit

that stages the Indianapolis 500,

America's first Formula One

race for nine years will not,

however, be run on the famous

two and a half mile (four-kilo-

metre) oval, but on a new track

to be constructed especially for

grand prix cars. No date has

been fixed but it is understood

that officials in Indianapolis pre-

fer an autumn race to distance

part of the IndyCar series.

to the United States in 2000.

Never mind Antwerp, now a German Fourth Division club has gone one better by joining forces with an entire country.

intend to give a completely new meaning to open-door policies in international football by signing the entire Cuban national team. The idea being that their inclusion will help them gain promotion.

A club delegation will travel to Cuba on Sunday for talks with Cuban football federation officials, according to German newspaper reports yesterday. They hope to sign a deal by next

In return for allowing the entire team to practice and play in Germany, the Cubans would receive balls, boots, kit and other equipment.

The Bonn club could release any players on loan, but the transfer rights would remain with the Cuban federation. The Cubans would come with their coach, William Ben-

nett, and would also play exhibition games against smaller European nations. The Cubans would still be available for all World Cup qualifying games under the extravagant pro-

"The Cubans want to develop their team and let it learn tactics in Europe," Hans Viol. the Bonner SC chairman told a Bonn newspaper.

Rainer Thomas, the Bonner SC coach, said that he would retain the core of his current team and that the Cubans would practice separately. "Maybe three, maybe eight" could make the starting line-up,

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